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PREFACE.

COLLECTIONS of family papers are now the recognised servants and supplements of history, and it is unnecessary to dwell upon their uses. But with regard to the present book, it is proper to explain that, in making these selections from the Charter-room at Cawdor, documents of a merely genealogical value have been less sought than such as seemed to throw light on the history of the district, and the manner of life, the condition and progress of the people.

When we first meet with written records connected with that district, it had recently been the scene of a notable revolution. Successive rebellions of the native population of the plain of Moray, in support, apparently, of a claim of their Maormors or hereditary chiefs to the throne, had been suppressed with much rigour, and our old historians tell us, the whole people had been driven out, and the land given to strangers. Putting a very limited confidence in those authors, and making due deduction from the improbable story of an entire transmigration, we yet find sufficient evidence of great changes of people and polity. The influx of southerns, which was so remarkable a feature of Scotch civilisation from the reign of Malcolm Canmore downward, set most strongly over the wheat-growing plain of Moray, and before the end of the thirteenth century Celtic tenures and

customs had disappeared; all the great lords of the soil, all the Crown vassals, all the recorded benefactors of the Church were unmistakably Normans or Saxons, holding their lands for military service. It is in that century that we have first evidence of a general valuation of land, the property of subjects, evidently as the measure of public imposts; while the lands held by the Crown in property were also valued and entered at a fixed rent in the King's Rental. Many of these Crown lands were held by tenants with no feudal or written title, yet not to be removed arbitrarily, whose rights and burdens were ascertained by the Rental. They seem to have been often of the native stock, and very likely continued to hold as Crown tenants what their forefathers had possessed under their native lords. Their leaders, or the more important of them, in time sought to imitate the southern fashion, and obtained permanent rights to their land, though different from the feudal or military holding, and without evading the payment of rent. The administrator of the Crown lands, the collector of rents, the magistrate and head man of a little district, known among his Celtic neighbours as the "Toshach," took a charter of the whole district from the Sovereign, whereby he became, under the Saxon name of Thane, hereditary tenant, paying the sum at which the land stood in the King's Rental, and preserving all his ancient authority now strengthened and legalized.[1] In this manner it fell that the Saxon title of Thane became common, chiefly in the north, and in the least Saxon part of Scotland, but it does not follow that the title expressed exactly the same rank and dignity with the English title of Thane.

One of our ancient codes of customary law, which was specifically

[1] This page is given as the result of some research, but by no means as the ascertained history of a change in our institutions, obscure in itself through antiquity and loss of records, but rendered doubly dark by the foolish fictions of lawyers like Skene and historians like Boece. The inquirer into the history of Scotch Thanes must begin with

nesses of the mountains, where the Celtic institutions unmodified, excluded the Saxon title or office. But along the borders that separated the races, along the southern foot of the Grampian hills, through the Braes of Angus and Mearns, in the hilly skirts of Aberdeen and Banff, where the Sovereign had established his dominion, imperfectly it may be, but had not driven out the native people, we find numerous Thanes and lands held in thanage. In the narrow country between Findhorn and the Nairn we have four, some of them of very limited extent.[1]

In rank the northern Thane held nearly the same place as that fixed in the customs of Strathclyde. We find him in these documents subordinate to the great Earls of Ross, and evidently at least equal with Barons holding of the Crown by feudal service.[2]

All we know of the early tenure of Cawdor is learnt from the charter of Robert I., 1310, which, in granting the Thanedom to William, Thane of Cawdor, in heritage, for twelve marks, to be paid in exchequer yearly, and the former services, sets forth that the lands were held in thanage of the Crown, on the same conditions, and evidently by the same family, in the time of King Alexander, of good memory, last deceased, that is, King Alexander III., who finished his long reign in 1285.[3]

[1] Dyke, Brodie, Moyness, and Cawdor. Archibald Earl of Douglas granted to his brother german James of Douglas, the barony of Petyn, the third of Doufhous and Awasschir, and all the lands lying within the *thaynedomeis* in the lordship of Kylmalaman (*Kilmalcmak*) in the sheriffdom of Elgin; confirmed by Crown charter of James I. *a. r.* 211=426. We meet with at least fifty thanedoms named in Scotch charters.

[2] When the superiority which had shifted from the Crown to the Earls of Ross, became at length fixed in the Sovereign, the King united a number of later acquired lands with the original thanage, into one entire thanage of Cawdor, "having the liberties and privileges of a Barony," to be held for ward, relief, and marriage, and military service—the ancient payment of twelve merks abandoned, p. 37.

[3] Charter of Robert I., p. 3.

We may conjecture, with sufficient probability, that Donald, Thane of Cawdor, who was one of the inquest on the extent of Kilravock and Geddes in 1295, had died recently before the granting of King Robert's charter to Thane William. We know that Thane William lived to have a son, also named William, in manhood and acting along with himself, about 1350.[1]

The latter William was succeeded by Andrew, at whose death we become somewhat acquainted with the state of the family and its possessions. As we cannot name the first Celtic chieftain who consented to change his style of Toshach and his patriarchal sway for the title and stability of King's Thane of Cawdor, so it is impossible to fix the precise time when their other ancient property and offices were acquired. But on 11th July 1405, we find Donald, Thane of Cawdor, succeeding, by formal process of law, to his father, Thane Andrew, who died last vest and seised in the offices of hereditary sheriff of the shire and constable of the Royal Castle of Nairn.[2] The family had now also acquired, from an unknown source,[3] one-half of the lands of Dunmaglass, to which Thane Donald soon added the other half, purchased from the family of Menzies. Now, however, the tenure of the Thanedom and of the other hereditary

[1] In the Innes Charter chest at Floors is a careful transumpt (taken at the instance of Sir Walter of Innes in 1454,) of two charters of Johannes de Haya de Tulybothvil, both granted to his brother-in-law, Thomas of St. Clair: the first, of lands in Strathpefir, in Ross, dated 4th December 1350. The second, of half of Urchany Beg in Nairn and the Dawach of Petcarsky in Sutherland, is not dated, but must be granted somewhat earlier than the preceding. It is on the occasion of the marriage of St. Clair with Eufemia, the granter's sister, and it is witnessed by Roger Bishop of Ross, Hugh de Rosse brother of the Earl of Ross, Henry called Falconer baron of Lethyn, Hugh de Rosse, Adam of Urchard, William Thane of Calder, William his son, &c.

[2] P. 5.

[3] Mr. Hew Rose, the historian of Kilravock, gives us the tradition of his time, that the same Gilbert Hostiarius who had the charter of Both and Banchor from King Alexander II. (p. 2), had also a grant of the Thanage and assumed the

offices, held in the time of Robert Bruce immediately of the Sovereign, was changed. By one of those exertions of power which the Scotch parliament soon declared unconstitutional, the Earls of Ross had been interposed between the Crown and its vassals over a great district of the north; and when Thane Donald succeeded, his investiture flowed not from the King, but from his brother Robert, Duke of Albany (afterwards Regent), who styles himself lord of the ward of Ross, which he held as grandfather of the young Countess Eufam, who became a nun. It was only on the forfeiture of John of the Isles and Earl of Ross in 1475, that the Thanage, much increased in territory, became again and permanently a Crown holding.[1]

Thane Donald added to the family possessions the level fields of Moy, near Forres, the half lands of Dunmaglass already mentioned, the lands of Little Urchany, closely adjoining his hereditary Thanage,

name of Cawdor, and that from him the family are descended.—*Hist. Kilr.*, p. 61. There is nothing to support this tradition. Durward was too good a name to be lightly changed. The arms of Durward seem to have been a chief, without other charge. The Cawdors have always given a hart's head.

That which looks like an augmentation of the family coat—which appears on Thane Donald's seal, as one buckle on the chief (p. 13), but which afterwards swelled out into a fess *azure* charged with three buckles *or*—may indicate the acquisition of lands by marriage or inheritance. We do not know from whom the first half of Dunmaglass was derived. But in that neighbourhood was settled, at a very early period, a family of Stirling, who were sometimes called Stirling of Moray, to distinguish them from the families of the same name in Perth and Angus. — (*Ragman Roll.* 1292; *Regist. Morav.*, p. 99.) Stirling is one of the few names that give buckles for their coat armour; and it is not impossible that the buckle in the shield of Cawdor may indicate a marriage with an heiress of that northern branch. Alexander de Strivelyn, who was settled apparently near the church of Daviot, in the thirteenth century, had married a daughter of Freskinus de Kerdale, a cadet of De Moravia; and the stars which Thane William added to his paternal arms (pp. 15, 94) may allude to the same connexion with Stirling, and through them with the great family of De Moravia, whose three mullets in different positions appeared in most of the ancient coats of Moray.

[1] Pp. 55-57.

and some roods in the burgh of Nairn. We know nothing more of him except that he must have given his son an education unusual among laymen at that time, to qualify him for the offices he held under the Crown.[1]

When William the son of Donald succeeded to his father in 1442, King James II. was only eleven years old. The Douglases, already too powerful for the Crown, had set their desires upon the Earldom of Moray, and were not scrupulous as to the mode of acquiring it. The great territory, reaching from sea to sea, which Bruce had erected into an Earldom for his nephew Thomas Randolph, had passed into less vigorous hands. The line of Dunbar had terminated in two daughters, and the Douglases had secured the marriage of Elizabeth the younger. To have the younger daughter preferred in the succession, and to give her husband, Archibald Douglas, the estate and dignity of Earl of Moray, were steps that seemed ordinary administration where a Douglas was concerned, and hardly a voice was raised against them. During that factious and turbulent minority, Archibald Earl of Moray found time to attend to his northern territory. He restored and strengthened the old keep of Lochindorb, once the head castle of the Lordship of Badenoch and rendered famous by the siege it sustained when the Countess of Athol held it out for a whole winter against the Regent Andrew Moray, till relieved by Edward III. in person. He rendered the forest castle of Darnaway defensible, but his great operations for restoring or building the castle and hall were still in progress at the time of his downfall. When he rushed with his brothers into open rebellion, and fell at Arkinholme in 1455, the special

[1] We find *Donalde of Kaldor thayne of that ilke* with the Earl of Moray and the Bishop of Ross, Dame Mary of Ile, Lady of the Isles, and many of the best of Moray and Ross assembled at Chanounry of Rosmarkyng, 16th August 1420.—*Original instrument at Brodie, printed in Registr. Episc. Morav.*

charge on which his lands were escheat to the Crown was, "*pro munitione et fortificatione castrorum de Lochindorb et Tarnua contra Regem.*"[1]

Before the downfall of the Douglases and the consequent revolution in Moray, William Thane of Cawdor seems to have enjoyed some office about the Court and the King's person. In the Crown license for building and fortifying his castle of Cawdor, in 1454, the King, then twenty-three years old, designates him as his loved familiar squire (*dilectus familiaris scutifer noster*). That was the year of the great Douglas rebellion; and on its termination and the death of Archibald Earl of Moray, the Thane of Cawdor was employed in fixing the rental and managing the estates in the north which had fallen to the Crown by those events.

In 1457, the Thane of Cawdor and Mr. Thomas Carmichael, canon of Moray, held jointly the office of King's Chamberlains beyond Spey, and rendered their accounts of the whole income and expense connected with the Crown property of that district, at Linlithgow, on the 19th of July of that year. The ancient Crown Rentals of Scotland are all lost; and the local antiquary must look to these accounts for the earliest notices of the divisions and occupation of property and the condition of the country. He will know how to value fifteenth century lists of Crown and Earldom lands, with their rental stated, and often their produce in kind. In the expense side, he will find minute details of repairing the Royal Castle of Inverness; information regarding the barony of Leffars and the regality of Ballokhill, adjoining the town, and stated to be part of the property of the Earldom; corrections for the pedigree of Lovat; particulars of many interesting families, as De Insulis, several Dunbars, the Lindsays—two Dowager-countesses of Crawfurd drawing tierce of

[1] Acta Parl. Scot., vol. ii.

Strathnairn, while the widow of the Douglas Earl of Moray, herself co-heiress of the Earldom, now re-married to Sir John Ogilvie of Luntrethin, was allowed her widow's third of the Earldom rents.

Church foundations are often our oldest memorials of historical events. Out of these Earldom rents, payments were made to several chaplains celebrating in the Cathedral at Elgin. Among them are five chaplains of St. Thomas the Martyr, founded by Earl Thomas Randolph, and confirmed by his uncle King Robert; and one endowed by King Alexander II. for the soul of King Duncan, who, Fordun says, died at Elgin.[1]

The same accounts bring us acquainted with the private life of James II., and fill up partially a gap of several years left entirely blank by our historians. As soon as the rout of Arkinholme and the fall of Abercorn Castle (1455) had marked the entire suppression of the Douglas rebellion, the King seems to have turned his attention to establishing order and authority in the north, and especially in the great earldom which Archibald Douglas had forfeited with his life.

It is evident that the King was himself active in the work of civilisation. He held courts of justice; directed a new rentalling of the earldom, which he bestowed upon his infant son David;[2] took up his residence sometimes at Inverness, sometimes at Elgin. While at the latter rural city, he claimed the hospitality of the Bishop in his castle of Spynie, or found lodging for his little court in the College, in the manse of Mr. David Stewart, parson of Duffus, who was then employed, along with the Thane of Cawdor, in the administration of the earldom.[3] While the King was residing there, and

[1] P. 28.

[2] This legitimate son of James II. is not mentioned by our historians. He died in infancy.

[3] David Stewart, parson of Duffus, was afterwards Bishop of Moray, and, like his coadjutor, the Thane of Cawdor, has perpetuated his memory by building a tower, still

the parson of Duffus absent probably on some embassy,[1] the manse was accidentally set on fire, with some of the homely fare provided for the royal larder ;[2] and, either to remedy that disaster or to give additional accommodation for the unusual guests of the little dwelling, a new kitchen was built at the king's expense. It was not only for state business and holding of justice courts that the young king stayed in Moray. He felt the fascination of the country, and took means to enjoy it. The castle of Lochindorb, a formidable Norman fortress in a moorland loch, which had been fortified against his authority by Douglas, he doomed to destruction, and employed the Thane of Cawdor to demolish it.[3] But he chose Darnaway for his own hunting-seat—as old Thomas Randolph had done a century before—and completed the extensive repairs and new erections which the Douglas Earl had begun. The massive beams of oak and solid structure of the roof of the new work described in these accounts, are still in part recognisable in the great hall at Darnaway, which popular tradition, ever leaning towards a fabulous antiquity, ascribes to Earl Randolph, but which is certainly of this period.[4] Here for two seasons the king enjoyed the sport of the chase. Great territories on both sides the river were thrown out of cultivation for the sport, and the tenants sat free of rent while their lands were waste.[5] What was the manner of

known as "Davy's Tower," and the most stately of the buildings of the Bishop's palace and castle of Spynie. David Stewart died in 1475, and was buried with his brother James, the preceding Bishop, in St. Peter's and St. Paul's aisle, on the north side of the Cathedral.—*MS. Notes.*

[1] *Extra Regnum*, p. 43.

[2] Dried fish and pease—*piscibus quæ dicuntur Stokfisch et tribus bollis pisarum*, and also casks, barrels, tubs, and other wooden vessels which had been provided for the king's use.—Pp. 43, 44.

[3] P. 21. The cost of demolishing the strong Norman fortalice was £24.

[4] Pp. 32, 42, 43.

[5] Propter vastitatem terrarum de Knok et Aytenach — pro vastitate terrarum de Clakmarras pro parte Regis, &c., p. 31. —Quia de mandato Regis erant procla-

the hunting, we are not informed. The sport of hawking, indeed, might well be enjoyed on the river bank at Darnaway; but hawking could not require a whole district to be laid waste. The fox was not of old esteemed a beast of chase in Scotland, nor perhaps so early in England. The wolf was trapped and speared and done to death as vermin. There is no doubt the king's chief game was the red deer, the natives of those hills; and it is probable that the hart was shot with arrows and hunted down with the old rough greyhound still known among us as the deer-hound, and until lately in Ireland as the wolf-dog, with such help of slower dogs of surer scent as the country could afford; for the English "hound" was hardly known in old Scotland. But "riding up to hounds," or riding at all, must have been very partially used among the peat-mosses and rocks of the upper valley of the Findhorn.

It may fairly be conjectured that Thane William's public employments were the source of his prosperity. His building of the castle, large additions to the family estates, making a very opulent marriage for his heir,[1] point him out as the person who raised

matae vastae pro venationibus, p. 41.—Proclamatae vastae pro venatione, p. 35.

[1] Alexander Sutherland of Dunbeath was married to Marion of the Isles, the daughter of Donald Lord of the Isles (p. 16). He had great estates in land and other property very unusual for a Scotch gentleman of the fifteenth century. From his Will, which has been preserved, we learn he had at least five sons, one of whom was Archdeacon of Caithness at the date of the Will, and four daughters, of whom Marjory was married to William Earl of Orkney and Caithness, Lord Chancellor, and Mariot to the young Thane of Cawdor. The Will, which bears date at Roslin, 15th November 1456, shows the wealth of the testator in corn, cattle, and money, and also *in iron*, and the large debts due to him. The bequest to the Thane's lady is as follows:—"I geve and assignys to my douchtir Marion al the lave of my landis that I have undisponyt upon; and sa mony ky ald and yong as I have with Aytho Faurcharsone [40 ky] or with Mackay Renauch [24], and sa mony ky as scho

the family to that position which it maintained, with little change, for several centuries.

William, Thane of Cawdor, the son of the builder of the tower, was, like his father, a lettered man; and he fell on a time when learning was in repute in the north,—when an Earl of Huntly was Lord Chancellor of Scotland, and when barons were ordained, by Act of Parliament, to put their eldest sons to grammar schools. He added to the estates of the family by marriage and purchase. He changed the base tenure of his estates into a Crown holding, attended to his affairs in person, docqueting important papers with his own hand. He was familiar with forms of law and legal instruments. Now was the time of quarrels with neighbours, quarrels at law and against law, and laborious treaties of peace, arbitrations about marches, and those strange contracts of marriage where parties arranged the nuptial happiness of their children before they were born. Through all, the family continued to prosper. The Thane's own first marriage was apparently very fortunate, and perhaps also his second, with the widow of Kinnaird of Culbin. Not so the long premeditated marriage of his son that was meant to heal the differences between the houses of Cawdor and Kilravock.

On account of some personal defect, the Thane's eldest son William was set aside (put from all his lands and heritage), with a pension until he should obtain a church-benefice, and with the sheriffship and constabulary, which were probably held inalienable from the heir-male; and John, the second son, was to be invested in the whole heritage of his family, "as sicker as men's wit can

aucht to have of Williame Polsonys ky." He directs his body to be graved in the College kirk of Roslin, near where the Earl his son-in-law thinks to ly. He seems to have lived in family with the Earl of Caithness, and he left a silver collar to Sir Gilbert the Haye, a versifier and translator of French metrical romances into Scotch, apparently his intimate friend.—*The Bannatyne Miscellany*, vol. iii. p. 93.

devise," and married to Isabella the Ross of Kilravock.[1] The marriage was not happy, and the feud of the two houses was embittered by family dissensions, in which it appears the old Thane took special umbrage at his son's bride. The young man did not long survive his marriage, dying in 1498. It would appear that he left a daughter, Janet, born shortly before his death, and also a posthumous child, Muriel. Janet must have died within the next year, leaving Muriel sole heiress of the Thanage under her father's investiture.

It was not unnatural that the four sons and even the old Thane should look back with some disappointment on the transactions which had resulted only in leaving an infant girl sole heiress of the possessions of their house. They resolved, if they could, to set her aside; and, with the help of their kinsman, the Precentor of Ross, they brought forward some curious evidence to prove her illegitimate. But the little Muriel was not unfriended. The new tenure was against them too. The young Thane had been fully invested; the estates held ward of the Crown; so that the infant was under the care of the Sovereign, who bestowed her ward and marriage upon the Earl of Argyll, and, backed by that powerful guardian, the little Muriel floated safe through the storm of a disputed succession. The marriage of the heiress to the son of her guardian (the donator of her ward and marriage, as the lawyers called him), was an understood sequel of the gift, and followed as a thing of course, and without undue delay, for Muriel of Cawdor was only twelve years old when she was given in marriage to Sir John Campbell, the Earl's younger son.

[1] Contract, 10th May 1492. One of the dates of Thane William, prefixed to p. 51, is erroneous. The old Thane resigned in favour of his son John, in 1493; his son's Crown-charter of the Thanage—*dicto Johani et heredibus suis quibuscunque*—is dated at Elgin, 2d November 1494.

It is to be hoped that John Campbell was a kind husband to his child-wife. Certainly the marriage had many advantages, and perhaps no other alliance in Scotland could have enabled the young heiress to hold her own so well among rough neighbours and unfriendly kinsmen and clansmen.

The Campbells were already firmly established in the room of the great ancient lords of Argyll, the Isles, and Lorn. But theirs was a different rule from that of the pirates and rude princes, their predecessors. Not satisfied with a sway quite absolute, and which they might easily have made independent, over the Celts of those remote and inaccessible mountains and isles, the Campbells, from the beginning, attached themselves to the Scotch Court, obtained great and opulent marriages, and held the highest offices of the state. The first Earl of Argyll had been Chancellor; the second, who fell at Flodden, was Master of Household; and the third handed down, as hereditary possessions to his successors, the great offices of Master of Household and Great Justiciar of Scotland. But it was the personal character of the race, predominating alike in policy and force over all their neighbours, that gave the Campbells their chief influence.

Sir John, who married Muriel of Cawdor in 1510, was the son (whether second or third is not ascertained) of that Earl Archibald who was killed in the field of Flodden three years later. His mother was a daughter of the gallant race of Stuart of Darnley. He himself was a Campbell of the old stamp, seeking incessantly to increase his possessions and extend his influence. His treaties with cousins of his own clan, with the M'Leans and Camerons, M'Leods, M'Donalds, and M'Neills, show both his policy and his acknowledged power. The proudest of the Highlands did not disdain to take service with him,—to become leal and true men and servants to Sir

John Campbell of Cawdor. It is astonishing how soon the old Cawdors—the four uncles of Muriel and their kinsman, the Precentor, went down before the ascendency of the new Thanes. The careful œconomies of the Precentor were all in vain, and the estates he had so providently acquired to maintain the male line of his house, all came to swell the possessions of Muriel's husband.

Sir John's own possessions in Argyll were large and still increasing. He seems to have already pretended some right to Isla,[1] and long before the general spoil of church lands, the Campbells, who could not wait for the Reformation, had appropriated to him a great territory on the shore of Loch Etive (a hundred merk land of old extent pertaining to Iona), of which he had previously been bailie.[2]

Muriel, while still an infant, seems to have been removed for safety to Argyll, and she probably passed the first years of her married life in her husband's country. We moderns, looking on the unmatched beauty of that western shore, may feel some surprise that even the charming situation of Cawdor, and the lighter air and bright sky of Moray could compensate for it in the eyes of a Campbell. There were other considerations, no doubt, then more weighty. Ferquhard M'Lachlan, bishop of the Isles, and no stranger to the manners of his people, when making over the church land on Loch Etive to Sir John, recorded that the estate was in a wicked and pernicious province, from whose inhabitants he and his predecessors could get no rents or profits, expressing an unnecessary doubt whether Sir John Campbell will be more successful.[3] Now, though a Campbell knew how to draw his rents in Argyll, it is not improbable, that as the knight got older and richer, the security of the east coast, amidst Saxon settlers and their institutions, amidst royal burghs, endowed churchmen, regular and secular—all lovers of order and respecters

[1] P. 134. [2] Feu charter *a.* 1532, pp. 154-6. [3] P. 156.

of property—might lead him to prefer his wife's country and to settle there permanently.[1] It seems that Sir John and his family came to Cawdor in 1524, and from that time made it their usual residence.

After a prosperous reign, Sir John died, in 1546. The Lady Muriel survived him long, and survived also their eldest son Archibald, who died only five years after his father. At length, when Dame Muriel of Cawdor is now of a good old age, in the year 1573, she resigns her thanage and lands in favour of her grandson,—"Jhone Campbell, my oy, his airis male and assignayis;"[2] and so disappears from the scene.

John, the young Thane, made a good beginning. He married Mary Keith, the daughter of a very noble, opulent, and, for the times, most virtuous family, the Earl Marischall's, and the younger sister of the good Dame Annas Keith, wife of the Regent Murray, and after his assassination, of Colin Earl of Argyll.[3] In Thane John's time befell the greatest revolution in the world—the Reformation; yet no paper preserved at Cawdor bears notice of it directly or incidentally,

[1] It has been said, and probably with truth, that the taste for the picturesque is of very late growth. It is no contradiction to observe, that the sites of old houses, especially churches and churchmen's dwellings, are invariably fine—the most beautiful the district affords. Their beauty is not at all, or only accidentally, dependent on the rugged and wild scenery to which we improperly limit the picturesque. A great modern historian has laboured to prove that artists began to admire the wild and grand of nature only when it had become safe. "A traveller must be freed from all apprehensions of being murdered or starved before he can be charmed by the bold outlines and rich tints of the hills," though it has been thought that danger with most minds enhances the feeling of the sublime. If it were said only that such motives prevailed in the choice of a dwelling, the remark would be less assailable. There is an old Moray proverb, perhaps a translation of an older French one:—"Speak weel of the Hielands, but live in the laigh."

[2] P. 178.

[3] The thane's marriage with this lady is not recorded in this volume, but is proved abundantly elsewhere. She had a charter of the Mains of Cawdor from her future husband, *intuitu matrimonii*, 24th July 1575. *Reg. Mag. Sig.* 32. No. 295.

if we except large accessions of church lands—the priory lands of Ardchattan on the west, and the bishoprick lands of Arderseir on the Cawdor side—and the crowd of churchmen avowing families of children (some of whom must have been born before the Reformation made them lawful).

The marriage of John Campbell of Cawdor with the sister of the Countess of Argyll had drawn his connexion still closer with his chief's family, and upon the death of her husband the Chancellor Earl of Argyll in 1584, he was one of six persons named to advise her in the management of the Earldom during the minority of the young Earl, her son.[1] Not content with his share of power, Cawdor planned with Campbell of Lochnell to seize and keep the boy by force, Lochnell to have control of his household, Cawdor of his person,[2] and thus to rule the state together. Cawdor seems to have attained his object, and after the death of the Countess

[1] "Item, becaus the burding wil be havie to my said spous to reull and governe the cuntrie of Argyll and Lorne, &c., indu-ring the tyme of my sonis minoritie, I will and ordane to be adjunit with hir in that behalfe, the intromissioun of geir allanerlie except, thir persounes following conjunctlie; that is to say Duncane Campbell of Glen-urquhy, Dougall Campbell of Auchinbrek, Johne Campbell of Calder, James Campbell of Arkinglass comptrollar, Archibald Campbell of Lochinyell, and Mr. Neill Campbell Bishop of Argyll, quhais counsal my said spous sal follow in all thingis concerning the weill of my sone and his cuntre . . . Attour, in cace of inlaik of my wyf I leif the governament of my dochter Annas unto the said John Campbell of Calder, and to his wyf, hir modir sister. . . . And now, last of all, I leif my son Archibald to be brocht up be his mother and my freindis in the feir of God; and ordanis and willis him and thame that thai never suarf nor schrink bak from the treu religion of Jesus Cryst professit and prechit within this realm, bot that thai, with thair bodeyis and guidis mantene and sett forward the samin to the uttermost of thair poweris in all places, speciallie within the boundis of Argyll and Lorne" . . . *Latter will of Colin Earl of Argyll, Chancellor and Justice-General of Scotland, made at Darnaway, 5 and 6 September* 1584.

[2] Two bonds of agreement were subscribed on the same day, the one ostensible, if need were, the other secret, pp. 188, 189.

Dame Annas Keith,[1] and of Ardkinglass the comptroller, governed the young Earl and his kingdom with almost undivided sway.[2] It was a short rule, however, and came to a violent end. Young Ardkinglass, the comptroller's son, provoked that he was unable to exercise the same influence as his father, and having tried to gain the young Earl's affection by means of witchcraft, without effect, took the more certain Highland method of removing an impediment from his path. He employed two poor natives to do the deed, and Cawdor was shot at night by three bullets from a hagbut fired through a window of the house of Knepoch in Lorn. The instruments in the assassination were given up to punishment, but their instigator was not punished.[3]

The half century covered by the life of the second Sir John of Cawdor was a very eventful period for the family: a period of great acquisitions of territory, some of it won by the sword,—of high alliances,—of personal misfortunes,—domestic quarrels,—and the un-

[1] She died at Edinburgh, 16th July 1588. Her testament gives a valuable statement of the household servants and their wages, and of the house-rent then paid in Edinburgh for a lady of rank—the dowager of two Earldoms, and, at the time of her death, administering one.—*Argyll Letters, Maitl. Club.*

[2] It is to this we owe the little note of travelling expenses in the West Highlands in 1591, p. 200. The account is authenticated by Jane Lauder, the Thane's second wife, the lady in whose behalf Mr. Wardlaw was allowed to make the appeal, at p. 195. At p. 220, Sir John Campbell is called her son; he was her step-son.

[3] P. 208-212. The Testament dative of "John Campbell of Caldor quha decesit intestate in the month of Februar 1591" is registered in the Commissary books of Edinburgh (15 August 1592). His movable property consisted mostly of corn and stock on the Mains of Clerkington, the lands of Braidwood, Frerilian, Fairlihoip, Nether Liberton, his connexion with which estates we do not gather. Among the debts due by the defunct are house-rent owed to Robert Oliphant, burgess of Edinburgh, for his house in Edinburgh occupied in 1591, 80*l*, and a year's wages to servants—W. Lauder 40 merks, John Caddell 20*l*, two others at 16 merks each, one at 10 merks, one at 5*l*, David M'Kane cuke 10 merks, another man servant at 5*l*, and another at 8 merks, and three women servants at 6*l* and 4*l* each.

happiness of overwhelming debts. The known historical events in the family make us regret the more the almost entire absence of familiar correspondence and domestic documents. It is a pity we can see nothing of the first wife, Jane Campbell, the daughter of black Sir Duncan of Glenurchy (a very interesting person in the history of Highland civilisation) and whose grandmother was of the gentle and unfortunate house of Gowrie. How much it is to be regretted that the documents relating to Isla are all what may be called public documents. We long to know the personal adventures of the Knight and his Squires in their perilous expedition;—still more the life of the Lord and Lady when Isla was their own. Did they live in armed state in the Castle of Dunivaig, or in the Fortalice of Illanlochgorme; and what manner of neighbourhood and hospitality was kept in their island kingdom? Of all that, we learn nothing. We hear of a fierce but unsuccessful onslaught on Dunivaig in their absence;[1] we hear of the maills paid to the Crown, alas! too irregularly; and now and then have, incidentally, notice of the manner of raising these by multitudes of cattle levied from the inhabitants, and sent in large droves (*scholls* they are sometimes called) twice a year into England. But we gather nothing of life in the Isles; and only learn that Cawdor was deserted, by the miserable description of the roof rotted, the glass, timber, windows, and doors fallen down, the very drawbridge broken down by a storm of weather;[2] and from the repair and re-edification that became necessary a few years later.

With the acquisition of Isla began the misfortunes of the family.

[1] P. 273. In 1631 it seems to have been intended to throw down the Castle of Dunivaig, as too dangerous a strength within reach of such daring neighbours, and to build "a more commodious house in a more proper part of the isle." But whether that intention was carried into effect we do not learn.

[2] 1631, p. 274, and 1635, p. 278. The parish church, however, was re-built by Sir John, p. 427.

The expense of winning and keeping the island; large bribes, assuredly exacted by courtiers, others possibly paid to the king, for the gift; heavy rents to be made forthcoming while the land was still in the hands of enemies or waste: these causes, added to family expenses, the cost of two establishments, visits to a court where none were welcome empty-handed, heaped up an amount of debt which, in that age—innocent as yet of bills and bank-notes—might have weighed down a better manager than Sir John Campbell. It appears, indeed, that he was not held a prudent head of a family; for a meeting of friends convened to consider its affairs, in his own presence recommend his son to be set in his place, and in all respects treated him as a prodigal unfit to administer the estates.[1]

But greater misfortunes than such as debt and imprudence can produce were in store. John, the eldest son, married to a daughter of Urquhart of Cromarty, sister to the eccentric Sir Thomas Urquhart, in 1622, was then invested in the fee of the estates. The marriage was probably not happy; though we need not credit the country gossip, which accused the young wife of designing to poison him.[2] But disputes arose also between him and his father, which would be aggravated by the old Knight's second marriage with the Lady Elizabeth Douglas, who had a large "maintenance" or provision out of the estate of Cawdor.[3] The straits to which the family were driven is seen in a sale, by Sir John to his second son Colin,

[1] P. 254.

[2] Spalding tells the story of three gentlemen poisoned at a collation at Cromarty, and gives the scandal as he loves to do:—"It is said the young Laird of Calder was mareit to Cromartie's dochter, who thereafter becam mad, and of whom his young Ladie had no plesour. Thus, he being with hir in the place of Cromarty, this potion was in a quairt stoup provydit for him; bot fell utherwayes, as ye heir."—*Trubles*, 1643.

[3] This marriage was about 1635-6. The lady died some time before 1639. P. 298.

of the "plenishing" of the old castle,—a poor account of its provision for comfort or defence—in 1636.[1]

John, the fiar of Cawdor, had hitherto lived and ruled in Isla, and it was apparently there that he was seized with his malady. In 1638, we find Dr. Beaton sent to Isla. Ominous consultations of Dr. Beaton, Dr. Arnot, and Dr. Sibbald at Edinburgh "concerning the Laird's sickness," and the Lord Advocate consulted "concerning the Laird's estate and the young boy's securities."[2] The malady was not to be cured, and in the following year John Campbell of Cawdor was declared by a jury to have been, for 18 months, unfit to manage his affairs, and his brother Colin declared entitled to be his Tutor-at-law.

We have now (1639) the contract for building "the Auld Hall and Kitchen of Calder."[3] A Tutor undertaking so considerable an amount of building while the heir of the family was in so melancholy seclusion, shows the greatness of the necessity, or else that affairs were not so desperate as the hornings and escheats and all the diligence of the law put in force against the careless Sir John, would lead us to suppose. What the habitable house of Cawdor was before this time, it is difficult, but perhaps not impossible, to guess, by the help of some materials that would guide a practised and intelligent builder.[4] There can be no doubt that the superstructure of the house north of the tower is altogether of this date or later; and the description of the simple requisites of a Scotch gentleman's house of that period is not without interest. It is apparent that drawings or plans were not used, and that, in the very time when Heriot's Hospital was building in Edinburgh, Glammis in Strathmore, and Castle

[1] P. 281.
[2] Pp. 295-6.
[3] P. 296.
[4] At p. 281; but especially the allusions to the older building in this and the subsequent contracts for additions.

Fraser and Craigievar in Aberdeenshire, the tutor of Cawdor was satisfied to leave the architecture of his family mansion to the Nairn masons, provided the "armes, names and siferis upon the windockis were wrocht to the said Colin Campbell his contentment."[1]

Mixed with the din of the mason's hammer, we have some sound of the war that raged without. The family of Cawdor, as good cousins to Argyll, were probably of the Puritan party from the beginning. But about Colin the tutor, there is no mistake. He attended the famous Assembly of the Kirk at Glasgow in 1638, which abolished Bishops. He was one of the committee which was the occasion of the famous "Trot of Turriff"[2] in February 1639. There was no backsliding nor suspicion of Popery now, as in Sir John's time.[3]

On whichever side a man was, in those times of civil war, he suffered for his opinions, for both parties followed the rule of living on the enemy. It thus fell out, that the estate and tenants of Cawdor were pillaged by Montrose and his cavaliers, and the charter-room, like many others in Scotland, abounds in those rolls and schedules of damages which the Laird hoped fondly to recover from the government for injuries sustained.[4]

[1] 1639, p. 283.

[2] P. 297.

[3] Pp. 269, 279-80.

[4] It is only after the battle of Auldearn that Spalding chronicles how "Efter this gryte victorie, Montroiss directis to burn the Laird of Caddell Campbellis lands and houssis in Narne and plunderit his haill goodis;" but it is evident that each party plundered and destroyed as they had power. More formal and legalized exactions were levied indiscriminately "on the country" and on friends. We find at Cawdor a certificate by the Marquis of Argyll, that George Campbell, Tutor of Calder, did furnish, in spring of 1644, to the Laird of Ardkinglass, and the forces under his command against Allister M'Donald and the Irish rebels quantities of meal, marts, butter and cheese, which, with two months' pay appointed for the Tutor himself as a captain in that expedition, doth amount in money to £1579; for payment whereof there was assigned to him the loan and taxt of the Laird of Calder's rents in the shire of Argyll, extending to the same sum. The certificate is granted only on 12th July 1655.

Colin was succeeded in the tutory by his brother George. Both seem to have looked to Isla, or their possessions in the far west, as their securest place of dwelling during the troubles of the civil war; and it was probably on this account that the family of John "the fiar" were educated at Glasgow, while Lady Elizabeth's children, both before and after her death, were brought up among her relations in Edinburgh. While the children were at Glasgow, Colin, the heir of the Thanedom, attending the university, was taken ill, removed to Irvine, and, notwithstanding the care of the famous medicinar, Dr. Donald Ochonochar, brought from Argyll to attend him, died there.[1] Sir John, his grandfather, long set aside from the management of the estate, died about the same time; and, at length, in June 1654, died his father John "the fiar," the unhappy lunatic cognosced by the inquest in 1639, who appears to have spent his latter days in Isla.[2]

Hugh, the eldest son of the tutor Colin was now Laird. Perhaps he is the *Hugo Cambellus* who is inscribed in the Register of Masters of Arts of the University of Glasgow as having taken his degree in

[1] P. 303. It was to Irvine that the members of the University removed, when the plague visited Glasgow in 1646.

[2] The children of John the fiar were Colin, who died at Irvine before him, and two daughters, Jane, married to the Master of Forbes, and Christian, upon whom some anonymous chronicler (perhaps a chamberlain, peevish at being compelled to pay her tocher) has affixed the stigma which I have copied in the table of pedigree. I find no foundation for the disparaging note. On the contrary, when her tocher was claimed, in 1653, the parties moving were William Master of Forbes, John Dunbar sometime of Hempriggs and two other Dunbars of Penick and Hillhead, who, as assignees for Nicholas Dunbar and his wife Christian Campbell, obtained decree before the Commissioners for Administration of Justice for 8000 merks, provided to her under her mother's marriage-contract of date 22d August 1622.

One of the children of this marriage seems to have been that Lilias Dunbar, wife of Alexander Campbell of Torrich, well known for her zeal in the cause of the Covenant. Many of her letters are at Kilravock.

1654. In this generation we arrive, as it were, by one step from a state of society and feeling which we cannot rightly appreciate, so different does it seem from ours; and find ourselves among the habits, manners, feelings, and motives—even the language—of our own time. To this effect, the great Civil War serves as the line of demarcation between the old world and the new. We have now familiar letters—would that more of them were preserved!—household cares and comforts, and some of the elegancies and refinements of private life. The sons are sent to college, and afterwards travel abroad for improvement. The daughters play on the virginals and the Viol da gamba, and have even a wish for balls. We have had no acquaintance hitherto with the ladies of Cawdor, except in their marriage-contracts and settlements of dower. The Lady of the house now appears as a recognised authority, directing her housekeeping and domestic supplies. The Knight himself still attends to the droves from Isla; but he has a scholarly feeling and can express regret that "rambling abroad in the country hunting and hawking have taken him from reading and study, except for divertisement." Later in life, he can recall his studious habits, and even descend into the arena of letters,—the author of a printed book.

Sir Hugh came of age in 1660—the year of the Restoration; and two years later, Lauderdale, already in full power, had obtained the gift of the young Thane's marriage, and probably directed his choice to his wife's niece, the Lady Henrietta Stewart, sister of the Earl of Moray.[1] The smallness of tocher of 9000 merks was compensated by the good connexion, and much more, as it turned out, by the

[1] The "Cousin" Countess of Caithness, who congratulates him on his approaching marriage (p. 314), is Mary of Argyll, married (1st) to George Sinclair, Earl of Caithness, and after his death to (2d) John Campbell of Glenurchy, Earl of Caithness.

good qualities of the lady, who lived long at Cawdor, and has left the memory of much feminine and domestic virtue.

Sir Hugh served in several Parliaments as Member for the shire of Nairn; and, like other commissionèrs to Parliament, he received an allowance for his expenses.[1] The manner and fashion of parliamentary life in Edinburgh may be in some degree gathered from the shop bills and accounts of expenses down to 1676, given in these extracts. Of the country occupations we may have some idea from the instructions written by Sir Hugh in 1677. He is then preparing for a visit to Isla; lime, timber, and all materials are to be got on the spot for building a mansion house at Killarow, but the masons—skilled workmen—he is to bring himself from the Saxon coast.[2]

[1] On 29th April 1673, the heritors of the shire of Nairn stent themselves for the allowance due to Sir Hugh Campbell of Calder, for his attendance and service as commissioner from the shire of Nairn, for the third session of the first Parliament to which the Earl of Rothes was commissioner for His Majestie, and for the three by-past sessiones of the second and third current Parliament, to which the Duke of Lauderdale was commissioner,—in all amounting to £1785, divided as follows:—

John Hay of Lochloy, £178, 18s. 0d.
Hugh Rose of Clava, £92, 12s. 4d.
Alexr. Dunbar of Both, £60, 0s. 4d.
Alexr. Brodie of Lethen, £148, 0s. 0d.
William Sutherland of Kinstarie, £118, 13s. 4d.
Hugh Rose of Kilravock, £280, 10s. 0d.
John Forbes of Culloden, £190, 0s. 0d.
Alexr. Urquhart, sometime of Kynnowdie, £36, 0s. 0d.
... Fraser of Inveralachie, £106, 13s. 4d.
Anna Brodie of Wester Brichtmonie, £39, 13s. 4d.
... Macgillivray of Dummaglash, £61, 2s. 8d.
... Dunbar, relict of umquhill Wm. Dallas of Cantray, £15, 5s. 8d.
David Rose in Clunes, £30, 11s. 4d.
Jeane Campbell, relict of umquhill Patrick Campbell of Bothe, £30, 11s. 4d.
Hugh Campbell of Auchindown, £30, 11s. 4d.
Donald M'Pherson of Ririach, £15, 5s. 4d.
George Nicolson of Broomhill, £7, 12s. 8d.
John Grant of Logie, for Moynes, £53, 6s. 3d.

Sir Hugh himself is liable for the remainder.

[2] P. 334.

The chief interest is in the cattle, the main produce of the island, but it is only to realize their value. No care is taken—it has not yet occurred as desirable or possible—to improve the breed. No directions are given for restricting the number according to pasture, or changing the stock by new blood. Somewhat more care is shown of the breed of horses. Long before this time, the Lairds of Glenurchy had introduced English or foreign horses for their great stud in Perthshire and Argyll, and the example was followed at Cawdor.[1] The Thane's young horse and the two colts, recommended to the particular care of the store-master, were evidently of a pedigree thought superior to the old breed of Isla.

The directions for preserving deer, rabbits, and blackcocks—no mention of red grouse—and the collecting a few deer from Jura and Isla to be brought to Cawdor,[2] call our attention to the subject of game. Here the scene is in the west. Farther on, we have at Cawdor a notice of "buying moorfowl and tarmachans from Badenoch and Strathspey," suggesting the strange suspicion that grouse were then not to be had, or not abundant on the hills of Cawdor. Moorfowl were bought also for Sir Hugh's funeral banquet *in the end of March.* In truth, the common notion of the abundance of game and of the whole occupants of our mountain ranges, in the olden time, is very mistaken. Sheep and wool are not mentioned in

[1] So early as 1638, Duncan Campbell, writing from Isla to his brother Colin of Galcantray, desires him to find some good horse for his mares, adding—"I wische to have, if you may, Cromertie's old Spanis hors, provyding he be of a ressonable pryce."

[2] It is for these red-deer that the high wall was built round the green and the little park at Cawdor (p. 360). When Sir Hugh went to "the Baths" in 1682, he ordered that great care should be taken during the building of the dykes, that none of the deer be lettin out of the parke, and that some one be appointed to wait upon the great yeat to keep them in, and to let no beast in the park with the deer but the year-old stag alone (2 June 1682). There were eighteen or nineteen red-deer there in 1725 (p. 429), and there was still a park of red-deer in Lachlan Shaw's time (1775).

these papers; but we know, from similar authentic sources of information, that, in countries where they were kept, they were in miserable small flocks, herded close to the dwelling of the owner. Black cattle, in like manner, were few and bad. In the eastern Highlands the rents were seldom, or in small proportions, derived from them. It could not be otherwise. The mountains swarmed with foxes and wolves, and other cow-stealers more daring and skilful. Every clan was against its neighbour; and where there was any excuse of war, or popular rising, or faction-fighting—and when was such excuse wanting?—the country was soon covered with marauders, to whom everything was lawful booty, and that was preferred which could be moved off on its own legs.[1] The pasture, unused by sheep or cattle, ought to have maintained a multitude of deer: but it was not so. The deer being unprotected, killed out of season,[2] driven about and allowed no rest, were reduced exceedingly in number, and found only in the remotest fastnesses of the hills. No doubt the primary cause of the scarcity of deer was the state of the inhabitants of the Highlands, always on the verge of famine, and every few years suffering the horrors of actual starvation. The introduction of fire-arms seems to have added to the other causes of

[1] Sir Hugh describes the thing after the Revolution troubles in 1691 (p. 386), putting one in mind of the groan of an old Moray chronicler who had witnessed the harrying of the country and burning of the church by the Wolf of Badenoch:—"In diebus illis non erat lex in Scotia, sed quilibet potentior minorem oppressit, et totum regnum fuit unum latrocinium. Homicidia, depredationes et incendia et cetera maleficia remanserunt impunita, et justicia utlegata extra regni terminos exulavit."—*Regist. Episc. Mor.*, p. 382.

[2] No close time was prescribed by our old laws for deer, though attempted to be enforced for other game. During some of the years of Sir Robert Gordon's tutory of the Earldom of Sutherland, 1615-30, meal and all food being scarce in spring at Dunrobin, deer were ordered to be killed for the use of the family in May, when they must have been mere carrion.—*Tutory Accounts, MS.*

their decay, more than we should be prepared to believe. An Act of Parliament, so early as 1551, sets forth that "Deer, Roe, and wild beasts and wild fowl are clean exiled and banished by shooting with half-hag, culvering and pistolat." But the confusions of the following century undoubtedly much increased the evil; and, at the end of that period, deer were probably to be found only in the great central forests of Perthshire, stretching from Aberdeenshire to Argyll, and in the wilds of the Sutherland peninsula.

Some of the documents of the latter part of Sir Hugh's time are useful for domestic annals. Turn to a common business letter of 19th July 1677:[1]—The Thane has now been married fifteen years; has a family growing up; has served in Parliament; has just returned from a visit to his western estates; and is leading the life of a country gentleman and magistrate at the castle of his forefathers. The letter is addressed to his "Loving friend," and one whom northern barons liked to consider their loving friend—William Duff, merchant in Inverness. He was a man of very general dealings—large and small. He could take charge of a commission for groceries, or advance the price of a barony, on good security. He had formed extensive connexions, and was the first man in the north who dealt in money on a large scale, and he laid the foundation of a very noble fortune. Here his dealings are in various commodities. The Thane wants lead to cover his castle roof, bottles, and some very good water—better than brandy—table-cloths and napkins, capers, olives, and anchovies. His thoughts are on hospitality. But, as magistrate and head of the *posse comitatus*, he commissions fifty or three-score musket barrels, which he minds to stock and furnish at home. For the arms he requires ammunition; but the season of the year puts him in mind that some of the same powder would serve

[1] P. 335.

for his "fowler," who required also shot,—one-half, of the size used for muirfowl, and the other, divided between very large shot for wild geese and roe, and pretty small, for plover and lesser fowls. The lord of Cawdor had not yet dreamt of shooting his own game with a gun for sport.

Of the Lady of Cawdor we have not much under her own hand. From the days of Parliamentary life in Edinburgh, when the shop bills lead us to suppose her heart may have been set on lace pinners and gowns of flowered brocade, and on ribbons for her children, we have her recalled in person only at long intervals by greetings and messages of kindness from neighbours. She may have been the leading head in all the buildings and furnishing of the Castle, but she nowhere appears. Perhaps she was no good pen-woman. There are a few household memoranda in her hand, and the only letter of hers preserved is one of housekeeping. She wants some chocolate for their own use, and, for the first time here, "one pound of true tea." But these commodities must be bought by one that has skill to choose them, for there is much chocolate that is reddish, a mixture of eggs, that she cannot abide. The finest is of a brown colour, and very pleasant to the taste. She signs her note in the simple old Scotch manner—H. Steuart.

The eldest boy has been entered at King's College, Aberdeen—is found abundantly capable of learning, and none in the class take up the propositions of geometry and niceties of logic more readily and easily.[1] In a few years he is to go abroad with his tutor, and we shall find that he profited admirably well at Blois,[2] and pressed, let us hope, successfully, to be allowed to go into Italy.[3]

Two daughters, Margaret and Jean, are at Mistress Campbell's school in Edinburgh. They learn music from Mr. Chambers; Mrs.

[1] P. 341. [2] P. 356. [3] P. 365.

Margaret has had two quarters of the Viol da gamba; a person whose name the Edinburgh agent spells "Devo" is perhaps their French dancing-master; and they had gone to a children's ball,—which was censured. But they have other more solid accomplishments. The usual branches of a young lady's education are taught by the mistress herself, and accidentally we hear they have worked a cabinet for their father, in needlework doubtless; and that they are learning the mysteries of pastry. Maggie is encouraged to take pains and to be an extraordinary player on the virginals by a promise of the best harpsichords that England can afford. Her father does not fancy the Viol da gamba so much as the guitar or cithern.[1] Her cousin, Lady Caithness, has a good opinion of her, and has already a project of a good match for her. The youngest girl, the pretty Mary—as pretty a child as I see anywhere—must have died early. We hear no more of her.[2]

The Library at Cawdor of old must have been a dreary room. It must be confessed, the list of my Lady's books disappoints even more than Sir Hugh's. He has some great old names and weighty learning. The Lady's "Balm from Gilead," and "Sighs from Hell," are scarcely relieved by her Rutherford and Bunyan.[3] One wonders which of the books the Thane applied to for his "divertisement." There is not a volume to remind one that they spoke the language of Bacon, Hooker, and Shakspere, and were contemporary with Milton and Clarendon.

Next we turn to a document which shows us how a persecuting law was sometimes mitigated by the kindly charities of neighbours. A letter, a little before, telling the news of Bothwell Brig, recalls to mind the state of the country.[4] The Laird of Lethen was more than suspected of rank covenanting and haunting conventicles. The

[1] P. 138. [2] Pp. 342-3. [3] Pp. 396, 397. [4] P. 345.

old man was summoned to Nairn to be examined; but the Knight of Cawdor, a neighbour and gossip, in respect of his sickly condition, goes with his under-sheriff to take his deposition at his own house of Lethen; and certainly with no wish to strain the law against him. The formal questions are put, and he depones that he haunted and knew of no field conventicles. But with regard to house conventicles, he admits that some outed ministers came to his house, and he and his wife and family joined in family exercise. The whole is taken down according to the letter of the odious law, but evidently made as light to the old man as the law would allow.

The contracts for building in Sir Hugh's time are again of much interest to the lovers and friends of the old castle,[1] but their meaning is not everywhere free from difficulty, and may be perhaps best read by supposing considerable departures from the plan in the course of its execution. It seems that the building is to cover exactly the same ground as formerly. It is only the superstructure that is to be altered,—the little tower being quite cast down, and supplied by the north-west angle of the present building (which very corner has some features of higher antiquity than can be reconciled with this account). The builders are to complete the whole work in the best and handsomest manner, so as themselves may have credit and Sir Hugh satisfaction; and it would seem that both parties were well satisfied. One part of Sir Hugh's repair, which is not doubtful, is where the masons contract to reduce the close to a square (into which the hall-door is to open), finishing it in some handsome order, with six or seven easy steps to lead down thereto; in short, the little court, exactly as it stands at this day, distinguished by the coat armour of Sir Hugh Campbell and the Lady

[1] Anno 1684, p. 367, and anno 1699, p. 391.

Henrietta Stewart, his spouse. It is, unfortunately, the one mistake of the castle. Possibly the situation was difficult, and required more architectural skill than James and John Nicolson brought to the undertaking.

The completion of the house internally was a work of time, and lasted even beyond Sir Hugh's long life. Some of the details are gathered in the conclusion.[1]

The estimate of the expense for maintenance of the family is very valuable among our few materials for domestic economy.[2] It may be compared with that testament of the Countess of Argyll, and one of the murdered Thane, mentioned above.[3] Unluckily, its date cannot be fixed with precision. The only part of the castle furniture at all curious, noticed in these documents, is the tapestry; and the accounts concerning it are chiefly interesting as showing the manner in which such hangings were procured in Scotland, and their expense.[4]

In 1704 Sir Hugh published an "Essay on the Lord's Prayer." He wished that it should form a necessary part of the daily church-service of Scotland. His pleading was evaded by the Church Courts and received coldly by the public, which stimulated him to more urgent appeals. Some sharp things were said and written on both sides, and at length, in 1709, Sir Hugh put forth a small volume of the correspondence, together with a new edition of his "Essay," which produced little more effect than the first publication. One of Sir Hugh's letters (26th August 1707) is interesting. He had been twitted with lukewarmness for Presbytery, and even with that sin of sins, lapsarianism. The old man replied,—"Since ever I came to the age of a man, I made it my business to do every honest minister of the Gospel all the good offices and service that

[1] P. 423. [2] P. 395. [3] P. xxvi. notes 1, 3. [4] P. 359.

was in my power, as I could find occasion; and God honoured me so much that I relieved many honest ministers out of prison, kept more from trouble, and to be an instrument to save the lives of severals who were pious, eminently pious and knowing beyond many of their brethren, such as Mr. William Guthrie, Mr. William Veitch, and several others; and I can say I spared neither my pains nor what credit I had with any who governed the state, nor my fortune nor purse. I ventured these, and my office and life too, to save honest people, who walked according to their light, without flying to extremities, and taking arms against the King and Government; so that all the time, from 1662 to the late Revolution, there was not one man payed a fine in the shire of Nairn, except two or three."[1]

Among the heap of bills and accounts for the equipment of a family on the very verge of the Highlands, we seek in vain for anything of Highland dress, arms, ornaments. We have materials for describing the whole wardrobe of the Thane of Cawdor and his servants, but there are really no points of difference from the dress of the time in England or France. Sir Hugh, like his predecessors, wore a rapier, and, on occasion, doubtless a *couteau de chasse*. He had a dirk and a "by knife" for Highland expeditions, but we hear nothing of family tartans, and bonnets, and chieftain's plumes. He has quantities of gold and silver buttons, and hats laced with both metals, but no tailor sends in to the Thane of Cawdor, lord of Isla and Muckairn, a bill for making a kilt or philabeg; and among the various trifles of silver work we seek in vain for "Highland brooch" or ornaments such as now flame in London and Edinburgh shop windows as of the true ancient Highland fashion. The Scotch gentleman of that day was too near in place to the Celt, and perhaps not sufficiently

[1] A collection of letters relative to an Essay upon the Lord's Prayer, by Sir Hugh Campbell of Calder. Edinburgh, 1709, p. 126.

removed in manners, to dress by him. The laird whose cows had been lifted over night was not in a humour to imitate the dress of the Mackintoshes or Macgregors. It is only when society has gone some way in refinement that the man of fashion can afford to ape the outlaw of the melodrame.[1]

We find no evidence of Sir Hugh's conduct or opinions at the Revolution. His family alliance and interest, as well as his religious leanings, and those of his wife, were all in favour of it. Like a large proportion of the Scotch gentry, however, he was opposed to the "Incorporating Union;"[2] and we may conjecture that disgust with that unpopular measure, and some natural compunctions for the old family, whose faults were in part forgotten, induced him, on the Queen's death, to support the foolish rising of '15. His kinsman, Breadalbane, older than himself in years and worldly wisdom, may have influenced his conduct, and shown him the method of throwing his strength on the side which he yet did not openly support, and of escaping when that party was beaten. But it is vain to speculate upon motives where we have so few documents. Sir Hugh gave his grandson[3] authority to raise his followers, and to join Mar. It is

[1] We find Tartan not once mentioned. In the only place where Plaids occur, the word means blankets or coverings for the night. It is not that Tartan was not made and worn; but that its style and pattern were no object of interest. It is comparatively of late years that nice distinctions of checks have been studied, and peculiar patterns adopted by clans. This is one test for trying the truth of books and drawings of Highland antiquities.

[2] P. 405.

[3] Duncan, the eldest son of Sir Archibald of Clunes, lived, in later life, sometimes at Delnies, sometimes at Clunes. He was a man of great intelligence, some accomplishment, with a dash of affected peevishness and caustic humour. Some of his letters to his neighbour Kilravock and his son are preserved at Kilravock. One short letter will show his style; it is probably written from Clunes:—

"To the Honourable the Laird of Kilraik,
Kilraik House.

DEAR SIR,—I send you the wrack of all my plumes, damsones, or bulasters, &c., in the pickle left by the prince of the power

very probable the abortive effort was at an end before the commission could be acted on; but whether the commission had been executed or not, the family escaped all the penalties of rebellion.

On 11th March 1716, Sir Hugh died, 77 years old, "the oldest that had had his place for a hundred years;[1] and he was buried not with his forefathers but in the "families new buriall place" in the parish church, built by Sir John, with a great funeral and funeral entertainment, and much drinking of claret and 'waters.'"[2]

Here is the real conclusion of these selections. What follow are only such things as forced themselves on the notice of the Editors, though out of their jurisdiction. And here I may be permitted to say a word of my fellow-labourers in this work.

To Mr. Stables at Cawdor, I have been indebted for much information, such as only his local knowledge could afford, and for continued and most essential assistance of all kinds.

The Rev. Mr. Rennie has borne the burden of the work, the taking a full inventory of the charter-room, the transcription of the selected documents, the abridgment of some, and the noting and extracting the essence of others; the duties of Index-making, and framing the elaborate Table of Contents, saving much time to many a reader.

of the aire, who nicked the time and blowed them down when betwixt hawk and buzzard, long a-ripening for want of sun and a proper climate or soile, and begun to be demolished by frost and winter wether,—a fine instance of the happiness of my Siberian situation. However, ye know, *sans complimens*, you'ld have them if better. If ye can amuse me by the reading of a newspaper, it will be charitable. Pray make my compliments agreeable to your lady, pretty daughters, Mons[r] Lewis, and the rest of your good company, Mr. M'Kenzie, &c., my acquaintances.—D. S., yours in the old manner tho still older,

"DUN. CAMPBELL.

"SIBERIA, *Nov*r. 2*d*.

"When my tarsell is recovered of a cold, and fit for business, which, joined with my diligence in falconry, you'll say, will produce no rash or too hasty an operation, I'll acquaint you. Adieu."

[1] Letter to his Grandson, p. 416.

[2] P. 416.

But that was not all. While so employed, Mr. Rennie, already a good charter scholar, bestowed much time and study on the materials in his hands, and made himself more thoroughly acquainted with the subjects of these documents—the men and women of the family of Cawdor—than any one else has ever been. Some of the fruit of his labour will be found in the table of the descent of the family.

Ten years after Sir Hugh's death, occurs a document which was by no means to be omitted. It is a report of the condition of the castle and whole property, all very valuable for the statistics of the district. The writer is Sir Archibald Campbell, Sir Hugh's second son, who held a large territory in wadset, and settled his own residence at Clunes, showing great taste in the choice of situation, and in the laying out and planting the grounds, whereof something remains yet visible.

The bridge of Cawdor, Sir Archibald reports, is of timber, and almost impassable, but can be repaired for forty or fifty shillings.

The mansion-house is in very good repair, wanting only lead for the platform of the roof over the library and charter-room. There are eighteen or nineteen red deer in the park close to the garden.

The tenants on the estate are numerous, and generally poor; their houses, all of "faile."

The old wood of Cawdor, surrounded with a mason dike three miles in circumference, is very thick, mostly of birch, alder, some young oak, and about 400 old oaks fit for sale or use.[1] Sir Archibald is very proud of his handsome young plantation, that is to extend over the village of Cawdor, which seems then to be called

[1] It will be observed, that within a few years, 1100 oaks are sold from this wood, p. 431.

Campbelltown, and of the new garden, where all sorts of fruit grow that are in Scotland.[1]

Every notice that has been found of early planting or of gardening has been given, but they amount to very little. When the present proprietor succeeded, the garden, though suffering under 150 years of non-residence, showed the remains of old careful tending—the trees and fruit bushes being of the time of Sir Hugh, or, at latest, of Sir Archibald. It is curious to mark the small and timid beginnings of planting. So late as 1722, the gardener sows an ounce of pinaster seed and a pound of acorns. In 1741, the planting of trees is counted and paid by the score; and we need not be surprised that Sir Archibald takes credit for executing, at his own expense, a plantation "of all sorts," which consisted of a few acres; not the work of one winter's day to the forester and his troop at Cawdor now.

Our collection of papers ends with Sir Hugh, the last of the family who made Cawdor his chief residence. His son's marriage with the heiress of Stackpole, and that of his grandson with Mary Pryse of Gogirthen,[2] gave the family a greater interest in Wales than they had from all their estates in Scotland. The sale of Isla and their Argyllshire possessions still farther weakened their connexion with the country of their forefathers. Nothing but the ancient Thanedom upon the Nairn remained. The passion for Scotch sport and the free life of Scotland had not yet arisen; and for a century and a half, the family of Cawdor resided in Wales, with only occasional visits to Scotland. For the greater part of

[1] It was, no doubt, to make good this boast that there was brought from William Miller at the Abbey, two peach-trees, and two nectarines, p. 425.

[2] Communicated by the bridegroom to his uncle on the day of his marriage in the letter printed at page 430; a model of succinct and business-like correspondence.

that time, little care was bestowed on the old place, and no one thought of repairing the castle except to defend it from the weather. It thus happened that when quite lately—almost, it may be said, in the present generation—the interest revived for Cawdor and the life to be enjoyed there, the owners found it as it had been left by Sir Hugh; and the right feeling of the present time has forbidden any change that would alter the character of the quaint, antique, charming old place. The tower which Thane William built round the hawthorn tree in 1454, stands, surrounded by buildings of all subsequent dates, down to the work trusted to the skill of the Nairn masons in1699. The simple drawbridge hangs as it has hung for centuries. The gardens and garden-walls, the row of limes to screen the east wind, are all as Sir Hugh left them, or perhaps made and planted them. The place is unspoiled, not changed but for the better. The burn pours its brown sparkling stream down its rocky channel as of yore. The air has the brisk freshness of the Highlands, while the sun shines through a clearer sky than more southern climates can boast. But the woods now wave over the grey castle with a luxuriance of shade which its old inhabitants never dreamt of. Above all, the country round, of old occupied by a half-starving people, lodged in houses of "fail," disturbed by plundering neighbours, and ever and anon by the curse of civil war, is now cultivated by an active and thriving tenantry, with the comforts which increasing intelligence and wealth require and supply.

The "old wood" has recovered some severe usage. The scrubby birch and alder, described by Sir Archibald, has been in part removed; and the wood of Cawdor, with its two romantic burns joining above the castle, is now a piece of the most beautiful oak forest ground in Scotland.

The Cawdors of old buried at Barevan. The walls of the old church, except the east end, are still pretty entire,[1] though the chiselled stones have been generally taken away.

There are many old grave-stones, and one row right across the church where the choir and nave joined; but no inscriptions nor arms.

C. INNES.

EDINBURGH, *December* 1858.

[1] The style is of the first pointed, without cusp. One window on the south of the choir is curious, from the top of the arches and of the mullion being formed of a single stone. It has been a double lancet outside, and semi-circular arched inside. The dimensions of the church inside are about sixty-five feet by seventeen. There is a plain *piscina* under an arch at the south end of the altar place.



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(2.) Mary, *m.* 1659, to Alexander Campbell, of Shinderland, in Isla, and left issue.

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(1.) JAMES, of Moy and Flinesmoir; *m.* 1624, Elizabeth, dr. of Robert Bruce of Kinnaird.

(2.) PATRICK, of Boith; *m.* Jean Campbell.

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(2.) COLIN.

(1.) JOHN, of Moy; *m.* 1653, Jean, only dr. of Wm. Moir, Principal of Marischal College, Aberdeen.

(1.) ALEXANDER, of Torrich; *m.* Lilias, dr. of Nicolas Dunbar and Cristian Campbell.

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(5.) DUNCAN.

DONALD, Dean of Lismore, afterwards styled of Barbreck-Lochaw; created a Baronet, as Sir Donald Campbell of Ardnamurchan; *m.* 1*st*, Jean, dr. of the Earl of Argyle, and widow of the Laird of Mackintosh; 2*d*, Anna Campbell, natural daughter of the Earl of Argyle. *Obiit c.* 1651. He was succeeded in his Estates by his nephew, George the Tutor.

(1.) MARGARET, *m.* Sir James Macdonald of Islay.

(2.) ANNAS.

(3.) ELIZABETH

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MARY, *m.* 1682, to Thomas Grant

JOHN, died abroad on his travels. In defect of lineal male heirs, the Estate of Ardnamurchan reverted to the Earl of Argyle. Sir Donald's nephew succeeded to Airds.

KATHERINE, *m.* 1*st*, to John Macdougall of Rayray; 2*d*, to James Campbell of Kilbrandan, but left no issue.

BEATRIX, *m.* to Archibald Campbell of Dunstaffnage, and left issue.

RISTIAN, "made ane marriage for herself," with Nicolas Dunbar, merchant burgess of Edinburgh.

(1.) MARGARET, *m.* Oct. 19, 1683, to Hugh Rose of Kilravock, and left issue.

(2.) JEAN, *m.* to John Urquhart of Meldrum, and left issue.

(3.) SOPHIA, *m.* to Alexander Brodie of Lethen, and left issue.

(4.) ANNE, *m.* Nov. 27, 1705, to Murdoch Maclean of Lochbuy.

in Inverness, daughter of han Forbes, of Duncan f Culloden. *rca* 1739.

GEORGE, died unmarried.

CHARLES, *m.* Margaret, dr. of Hugh Rose of Kilravock, and left issue.

GILBERT, died unmarried.

ISABELLA, *m.* 1*st*, to Robert Duff of Drummuir; 2*d*, to Arthur Gordon of Carnoussie, and left issue by both marriages.

JEAN, died unmarried.

ANNE, *m.* to Alexander Bailie of Dunain, and left issue.

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JOHN, a Painter, died unmarried.

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WILLIAM BAILLIE of Dunain. Born 1789.

KATHARINE, *m.* Hugh Rose of Kilravock.

Two Sons and a Daughter, died unmarried.

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FRANCES, *m.* Hon. C. J. F. Stanley, second son of the Earl of Derby.

HARRIET, *m.* Captain Moorsom.

LADY ELIZABETH LUCY, *m.* John Otway O'Connor, Earl of Desart.

LADY MARY LOUISA, *m.* George Earl of Ellesmere.



THE THANES OF CAWDOR.

WHILE Boece and the chroniclers assign a fabulous antiquity to the Thanes of Cawdor, the tradition of the country and the most ancient records point at no holders of their proper territory prior to the family who now possess it. It will be observed that this is not a common negative. For the thanedom is on the very verge of the Highlands where tradition has always been most preserved; and it is bordered on the other side by the lowland of Moray, settled and cultivated very early, and where the national records, and many old charter-chests of Bishop and lay lord, could not fail to furnish evidence of such neighbours if any other proprietors had existed within the range of record or written tenures.

Only one small portion of the old possessions of the Thanes can be traced back to other hands. The farms of Highland Both and Banchor, both lying on the high ground between Cawdor and the Findhorn, were granted by Alexander II. in 1236, to Gilbert Hostiarius, a name which Shaw the historian of Moray has strangely read "Alexander de Horstrot." The Durwards, or *Ostiarii Regis*, though hardly mentioned in our books of pedigree, were a family of great power and possessions. The first of them who took his name from his office, styles himself "Thomas filius Malcolmi de Lundin hostiarius domini Regis," (cir. 1220.) He inherited through his mother, who must have been a daughter of an Earl of Mar, large estates in the lower division of that great Earldom. His munificent donations to the Church show him as proprietor of lands in the parishes of Skene, Echt, Kinerny, Banchory, Midmar, Kincardine Oneil, (where he built a

bridge over the Dee,) Lumfanan, Alford, Coull and Leochel. He had property in Moray also, and was Sheriff of Inverness in 1226. Gilbert, the grantee in the following charter, had some right to the lands of Boleskin, and the family were also proprietors of lands at Urquhart. Thomas's son and heir, Alan Durward, was a person of great consequence in Scotland, holding the office of Great Justiciary from 1243 to 1251, and again in 1255. Besides their Northern possessions, the Durwards had lands in Angus—Lintrathen, and others, and it was at the Abbey of Cupar in Angus, that Alan chose his place of burial. But it is only in the fastnesses of Mar, and round their old Castle of Coull, that the memory of those great lords has lingered in popular tradition. The Cromar peasant still believes that the Kirk-bell of Coull rings of its own accord when a Durward dies. It is not known whether Gilbert was a son of Thomas Durward, nor can we do more than conjecture into what families the three co-heiresses of Alan, the Great Justiciary, carried his immense possessions. The following charter is at Cawdor. The lands granted in it became soon after the property of the Thanes of Cawdor, but whether by inheritance it is impossible to ascertain :—

ALEXANDER Dei gratia Rex Scottorum omnibus probis hominibus tocius terre sue salutem · Sciant presentes · et futuri nos dedisse · concessisse et hac carta nostra confirmasse Gilleberto Hostiario pro homagio et seruicio suo · terras de Both et de Banchory in Ballia de Inuernarn · Tenendas et habendas eidem Gilleberto · et heredibus suis de nobis et heredibus nostris in feodo et hereditate · per rectas diuisas suas · et cum omnibus justis pertinenciis suis · in Boscho et plano · in terris et aquis · in pratis et pascuis · in moris et maresiis · in stangnis · et molendinis · cum socco · et sacca · cum furca et fossa · cum Thol · et Them · et infangandthef · et cum omnibus aliis ad predictas terras juste pertinentibus · Libere · Quiete · Plenarie · et Honorifice per seruicium decime partis vnius militis · et faciendo forinsecum seruicium quod ad easdem terras pertinet · Saluis elemosinis nostris · Testibus · W · filio Alani · Senescalli · Justiciario Scocie · W · Cumyn · comite de Meneteth · M · comite de Anegus · Henrico de Bailliol · Alano Hostiario · Waltero Byset · D · Marscallo · Apud Foreys · vicesimo secundo die Julii · anno regni Domini regis · vicesimo secundo.



It is somewhat later that we find the Christian name of a Thane of Cawdor first given in record. Donald, Thane of Cawdor, was one of the good and faithful men of the country, who, at Nairn on Wednesday, the Feast of Saint Lawrence, 1295, gave their oaths to the valuation of "Kilravock and Estir Gedeys," the property of his neighbour, Hugh Rose of Kilravock.

Extentus terrarum de Kylrauoc et de Estirgedeys · que sunt Hugonis de Ros et mariote sponse sue · factus apud Inuernarn die Mercurii in festo Sancti Laurencii anno gratie millesimo ducentesimo nonagesimo quinto per bonos probos et fideles homines patrie non suspectos videlicet per tales · Per Robertum Falconarium · Willelmum Thanum de Motheys · Douenaldum Thanum de Kaledor · Thomam venatorem · Fergusium Judicem · Alexandrum Husband · Johannem filium Duncani · Duncanum de Hurcheney · Walterum filium Thome filii Neuini · Ricardum Mul · Willelmum Wod · Johannem Orlet · Hugonem filium Willelmi · Henricum · · · de Kildromy · Eliam Juster · juratos magno sacramento interveniente et diligenter examinatos · qui omnes vnanimi assensu dixerunt.

Quod terra de Kylrauoc cum omnibus pertinenciis suis · scilicet cum molendino bracinis quarellis et bosco · valet per annum xxiiii libras.

Item dixerunt quod terra de Estirgedeys · cum molendino et bracina · valet per annum xii libras.

Summa utriusque xxxvi libras.

When Bruce began to give charters as King of Scotland, William was Thane of Cawdor, probably the son of Donald. The following confirmation of his hereditary Thanedom, with the tenure used in the days of Alexander III. of good memory, is from the original charter at Cawdor. The date is 8th August 1310.

CARTA THANAGII DE CALDOR PRO WILLELMO THANO DE CALDOR.

Robertus Dei gracia Rex Scottorum · Omnibus probis hominibus tocius terre sue salutem · Sciatis nos dedisse concessisse et ad feodofirmam

dimisisse Willelmo Thano de Caldor totum Thanagium de Caldor cum pertinenciis infra vicecomitatum de Invernarn pro duodecim marcis sterlingorum annuatim in cameram soluendis prout consuetum fuit tempore bone memorie Domini Alexandri Regis Scocie predecessoris nostri ultimo defuncti · Ita tamen quod terra quam Fergusius dictus Demster tenet ibidem respondeat eidem Willelmo de firma quam reddere consueuit tempore dicti Domini Regis Alexandri · Tenendum et habendum eidem Willelmo et heredibus suis de nobis et heredibus nostris hereditarie ad feodofirmam libere · et quiete · plenarie · et honorifice cum omnibus libertatibus aysiamentis et iustis pertinenciis sicut predictum est · et faciendo inde nobis seruicium nostrum debitum et consuetum tempore dicti domini Regis Alexandri · In cuius rei testimonium presenti carte nostre sigillum nostrum precepimus apponi · Testibus Domino Bernardo Cancellario nostro · Malcolmo Comite de Leuenox · Johanne de Meneteth et Nigello Cambel militibus · Apud Lochbren viii° die Augusti · anno regni nostri quarto.

The next ascertained Thane of Cawdor was ANDREW, of whom we only hear when his son Donald succeeded to him in his hereditary offices of Sheriff of the county and Constable of the Royal Castle of Nairn, in 1405. This long blank leaves at least one generation in the succession unaccounted for. Boece relates that Thomas Caldar was killed fighting on the side of the Cumyn faction against the Regent, Andrew de Moravia, and therefore before 1338, the year of the Regent's death. He may have been Thane of Cawdor, as the family chroniclers have called him. It is curious that, while Boece styles Caldar and his companions "*non ita boni et nobiles,*" and "*pacis bonique reipublicæ turbatores,*"—his translator, the Archdeacon of Moray, speaks more respectfully of the northern rebels,—"In this battal was slane Robert Cumin, William Cumin, and Thomas Calder, vailyeant knichtis, howbeit they war ennemeis to King Dauid for the time." The chronicles and all other historians ignore the slaughter of these knights and the battle altogether. "Martinus de Caldor," chancellor of the Diocese of Ross in 1380, was probably of the stock of the Thanes of Cawdor.

Local tradition avers, that the Thane Andrew of the following precept, was slain by Sir Alexander Rait of that Ilk, 1395-1400. The family which took its name from the old Castle of Rait, beside Geddes, disappears from the North about this time :—







Preceptum Sasine Donaldi Kaldor.

Robertus Dux Albanie comes de Fife et de Meneteth ac Dominus warde de Ross balliuo nostro vicecomiti de Narn salutem · Quia per inquisitionem de mandato nostro vobis directam et ad capellam nostram retornatam compertum est, quod quondam Andreas de Kaldor pater quondam Donaldi de Kaldor latoris presentium obiit vestitus et saysitus ut de feodo ad fidem et pacem Domini mei regis de officiis vicecomitatus de Narn et constabularie castri eiusdem infra balliam vestram, et quod dictus Donaldus est legittimus et propinquior heres eiusdem quondam patris sui de predictis officiis, vobis igitur precipimus et mandamus quatinus saysinam hereditariam de predictis officiis prefato Donaldo vel suo certo attornato latori presentium, saluo jure cuiuslibet juste haberi faciatis et sine dilatione · Et istud nullo modo omittatis · Datum sub sigillo nostro apud Dyngvale xi° die mensis Julii anno domini millesimo cccc^mo^ quinto.

Inquisitio retornata Donaldi Thayni de Caldor.

Hec inquisicio facta est apud Montem Castri de Inuernys vicesimo die mensis Junii anno domini millesimo quadringentesimo xiiii^to^ coram Nicholissa de Kerdale et Willelmo de Grame dominis et parcenariis baronie de Kerdale in comitatu Morauie infra vicecomitatum de Inuernys, necnon dominis superioribus terrarum de Doym^c^glass et domino Thoma Senescalli balliuo eorum in hac parte per istos infrascriptos videlicet · Johannem filium Thome prepositum burgi de Inuernys, Willelmum le Ros, Hugonem Symson, Johannem Pollok, Willelmum filium Thome, Donaldum filium Farchardi, Willelmum de Altrilly, Johannem filium Walteri, Gilbrede M'Michy, Gillemore M'Phale, Paulum Duff, Donaldum filium Rotherici, Johannem filium Rotherici, Johannem Bridison, Fergusium M'Lucas, Martinum M'Fery, et Brydam filium Cristini · Qui fideliter jurati dicunt quod quondam Andreas de Caldor pater Donaldi Thayni de Caldor latoris presentium obiit vestitus et saisitus ut de feodo ad fidem et pacem domini nostri Regis Scocie de

terris de Doum^{c}glass cum pertinenciis · Et quod dictus Donaldus de Caldor est legittimus et propinquior heres dicti quondam Andree patris sui de eisdem terris cum pertinenciis, et quod est legitime etatis · Et quod dicte terre de Doum^{c}glass cum pertinenciis tenentur de baronia de Kerdale, et quod tenentur in alba firma · Reddendo unum denarium argenti ad festum Pentecostes tantum si petatur · Et quod dictus Donaldus in nullo deliquit contra Dominum Regem uel dominos suos superiores, propter quod hereditatem suam de iure recuperare non debeat. In cuius inquisicionis testimonium sigillum dicti domini Thome Senescalli balliui dictorum dominorum de Kerdale una cum sigillis quorundam qui dicte inquisicioni intererant, presentibus est appensum · anno die mense et loco supradictis.

Another portion of the Highland territory of Dumnaglass was acquired by this Thane.

Anent the sele of Dulmaglas to Donald of Caldore, Lord of that Ilk.

Tyl all that thir lettris sal to cum William Meignez Lord of Half Balquhomry greting in Gode · For quhi that it was accordit betuex Donalde of Caldor Lord of that Ilke and me, that gif I salde or wedset my landez of Dolmaglas tyl any man, I suld prefer thaim to hym befor ony uthir, and lat thaim til hym on sic price as uthir wald gif for thaim · To yhour universite I mak kende be thir present lettris, me for to hafe made, stablist, and ordanit, and throw thir present lettris, makis stablisis and ordanys my derrest Brothir Gilbert Menyhes, Burgez of Aberden, myn attournay and deput for to prefer tha landes to sele to the sayd Donalde, and to sel thaim to hym or to ony uthir that wil gif mast for thaim, and for to dispone apon tha landes in quhat maner or forme it best lykis to the saide Gilbert, haldande and for to halde ferme and stabil, quhatsumevir the saide Gilbert or his deputis dois, or dysponis apon tha landis befor saide in all tymis to cum, and quhat that he dois to be unrevokyt or gayne callit throw me or my ayeris, or ony uthir in our name or on our behalfe in tyme

tocum · In witnez of the quhilk thing to thir present lettris my sele I to put at Aberden the four and twenty day of the moneth of September the yher of our Lorde a thousande four hundreth and nyntene yher.

Carta de Dummacglas.

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris vel audituris Willelmus Meignees Dominus dimidie partis de Balquhumry · salutem in domino sempiternam · Sciatis me dedisse, concessisse ac precise et omnino vendidisse, et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse carissimo consanguineo meo Donaldo de Caldore Domino ejusdem, totam et integram medietatem terrarum de Dummacglas cum pertinentiis in baronia de Kerdale infra vicecomitatum de Inuernys, pro quadam certa summa pecunie quam predictus Donaldus mihi pre manibus bene et fideliter persoluebat · Tenendam et habendam predicto Donaldo, heredibus suis et suis assignatis, a me heredibus meis et meis assignatis in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum, per omnes rectas metas, et diuisas suas, in boscis planis, pratis pascuis et pasturis, aquis, viis, semitis stangnis viuariis, et piscariis, siluis, virgultis, aucupationibus, venationibus, molendinis multuris, brasinis, fabrilibus et eorum sequelis, cum curiis curiarum exitibus et eschaetis, petariis turbariis, aueragiis, cariagiis, ac cum omnibus aliis commoditatibus libertatibus et aysiamentis consuetudinibus rectitudinibus, ac iustis pertinentiis quibuscunque, tam non nominatis quam nominatis, tam prope quam procul, tam sub terra quam supra terram ad medietatem predictarum terrarum spectantibus seu spectare valentibus quomodolibet infuturum, adeo libere et quiete plenarie honorifice bene et in pace, sicut pater meus vel aliquis antecessorum meorum medietatem predictarum terrarum cum pertinentiis, liberius quiecius aut honorificencius tenuit seu possedit · Reddendo inde annuatim predictus Donaldus, heredes sui et sui assignati, domino superiori predictarum terrarum, seruicium debitum et consuetum, pro omni alio seruicio seculari exactione vel demanda, que de medietate predictarum terrarum cum pertinentiis aliqualiter exigi poterunt aut requiri · Saluo forinseco seruicio domini nostri Regis quantum ad medietatem predictarum terrarum de iure noscitur pertinere · Ego vero

predictus Willelmus heredes mei et mei assignati totam medietatem predictarum terrarum de Dummacglas cum pertinenciis, prefato Donaldo heredibus suis, et suis assignatis, contra omnes mortales warandizabimus, acquietabimus et imperpetuum defendemus · In cujus rei testimonium sigillum meum presenti carte mee apposui apud Aberdon penultimo die mensis Marcii · Anno domini millesimo quadringentesimo vicesimo primo · Testibus Reverendo in Christo patre ac domino, Domino Alexandro Dei gratia Episcopo Cathanensi, Thoma Steuart milite Domino de Bonoch, Alexandro de Seton Domino de Gordon, Johanne Vaus tunc aldirmanno de Aberden, Domino Willelmo David rectore ecclesie de Glas, Johanne Graunt armigero, et Willelmo Tryne Burgensibus de Aberden, cum multis et diuersis aliis.

Donald had acquired other lands on the banks of the Findhorn beside Forres. Seisin was taken on the following Precept; but the lands of Moy afterwards formed the subject of conflicting claims between Dunbar of Westfield, Ogilvie of Glassauch, and the representatives of William Thane of Cawdor, in whose possession, however, they finally remained.

Thomas de Dunbarr Comes Morauie dilecto et speciali nostro Johanni de Narn, vicecomiti nostro de Fores salutem · Quia nuper dominus Johannes de Petirkyn miles non vi aut metu ductus, nec errore lapsus, sed mera et spontanea voluntate sua omnes et singulas terras suas de le Moy cum pertinenciis jacentes infra dictum vicecomitatum de Forres, per fustim et baculum in manibus nostris sursum reddidit pureque simpliciter resignauit, ac totum ius et clameum que in dictis terris cum pertinenciis habuit uel habere potuit pro se et heredibus suis omnino quittum clamauit imperpetuum · Quare vobis mandamus et precipimus quatinus dilecto nostro Donaldo de Caldor latori presentium et heredibus suis statum et saisinam hereditariam iuste habere faciatis secundum tenorem antique infeodacionis quam inde habet et hoc nullo modo omittatis et sine dilacione saluo iure cuiuslibet · Datum sub sigillo nostro apud Elgyne decimo quarto die mensis Augusti anno domini millesimo quadringentesimo decimo nono.

The next charter shews the acquisition by Donald of the Church lands of Urchanybeg.

Carta de Urchany beg.

Universis sancte matris ecclesie filiis ad quorum noticias presentes littere peruenerint · Henricus permissione divina Episcopus Morauiensis salutem in domino · Noverit universitas vestra nos de consilio et assensu Decani et Capituli ecclesie nostre predicte, utilitate communi pensata et habito super hoc prius diligenti tractatu dedisse concessisse et ad feodam firmam dimisisse nobili viro Donaldo de Caldore thayno ejusdem, pro suis beneficiis auxiliis et consiliis nobis et dicte ecclesie nostre impensis et fideliter pro perpetuo impendendis, totam terram nostram de Urchany beg cum pertinentiis · jacentem infra dominium nostrum de Fothryves · Tenendam et habendam dicto Donaldo et heredibus suis de nobis et successoribus nostris imperpetuum per omnes rectas metas suas et divisas libere quiete plenarie pacifice et honorifice in placitis curiis brasinis molendinis multuris et cum omnibus aliis libertatibus commoditatibus aisiamentis et justis pertinenciis ad dictam terram spectantibus seu spectare valentibus quomodolibet in futurum · Faciendo ipse Donaldus et heredes sui nobis et successoribus nostris et ecclesie nostre Moraviensi fidelitatem et homagium et tres sectas ad tria placita nostra capitalia apud Byrneth annuatim · Reddendo inde insuper annuatim dictus Donaldus et heredes sui nobis et successoribus nostris tresdecim solidos et quatuor denarios usualis monete Scocie ad duos anni terminos consuetos · videlicet festa Penthecostes et Sancti Martini in hyeme per equales portiones cum seruiciis predictis tantum pro omni alio seruicio seculari exactione vel demanda que per nos vel nostros successores de dicta terra de Urchany beg cum pertinentiis exigi poterunt quomodolibet vel requiri · Obligando etiam se heredes suos omnes terras et possessiones suas ad solucionem predictorum tresdecim solidorum et quatuor denariorum · In cujus rei testimonium has litteras nostras sigillo nostro autentico una cum sigillo communi Capituli nostri antedicti sigillatas sibi fieri fecimus patentes apud Canoniam ecclesie nostre Morauiensis primo die mensis Marcii anno domini millesimo quadringentesimo vicesimo primo.

The following letter, although printed before, possesses a peculiar interest here. The family documents throw no further light on this subject:—

Thomas Erle of Murreff, til oure richt wele beluvit squiere Jone the Haye lord of Lochloye, greting. It is in fresch memore with you, as we understand, that throu certane tailye made betwix us and your fadir, ye ar oblisit to spouse a douchtir of ouris, for the quhilk thing to be done we confermit to your fadir a tailye betwix him and the lord of Dolas apon the lordschip of Dolas, and forgeff till him fourty poundez, the quhilk suld haf bene paiit til us for the relefe of that land; and als for that ilke mariage we confermit to your fadir a tailye betwix him and youre bruthir, Wilyame the Grame, apon the landez of half the barony of Kerdale, and ressavit you to tha ilke landez upon the saide tailye; and now of new we haf herd be certane relacioun of our luffit cusine Donalde thayne of Caldor, that ye wald be releschit of your oblising til us of the saide mariage, and haf our licence, fredome and gude will to spouse a douchter of the saide Donalde thayne of Caldor, with sic connands, fredomes, and rewardis as ar forspokyn, and as we grantit to you of beforetyme. Quharfore, be the tenour of thir our letteris, of your oblising made til us of befortyme baith be your fadir and be your selff, for the mariage of our douchter, we relesche you, dischargis you, and quiteclemis you for ever, giffand and grantand to you our counsale, our licence, fredome, and gude will to spouse and til haf to your wife, the douchter of the saide Donald thayne of Caldor, with sic fredomes, profitis, and rewardis, as war forspokin in our first connandis, togiddir with our help, suppouel, and manetenance in al your lachful and leveful erandis in al tyme to cum: tharatour we haf grantit and giffin, and be thir our letteris grantis and giffis to the said Donald thayne of Caldor, fourti markez of the relefe of your landez of the half of the barony of Kerdale, quhilk Wilyame the Haye, your fadir, wes oblisit to paye til us, of the quhilk we quitecleme you for euer be the teneur of thir lettris, to the quhilk our seele we haf gert beput, at Elgin, the xv dai of the moneth of Feueryere, the yere of our Lord a thousand four hundir twenti and twa yere.

Thane Donald's tenure of the Thanedom differed from that of his predecessors. It was to be held of the king as Earl of Ross.

Carta Regia, 1431.

Jacobus Dei gracia rex Scotorum ac comes Rossie · Omnibus probis hominibus tocius terre sue clericis et laicis salutem · Sciatis nos dedisse concessisse et hac presenti carta nostra confirmasse dilecto et fideli nostro Donaldo de Caldore totum et integrum thanagium de Caldor et firmam terre quam Fergusius Dempstare reddere consueuit tempore regis Alexandri cum pertinenciis, jacentia infra vicecomitatum de Narn · Que quidem terra et firma cum pertinenciis fuerunt dicti Donaldi hereditarie · Et quas idem Donaldus non vi aut metu ductus nec errore lapsus sed sua mera et spontanea voluntate in manus nostras per fustem et baculum personaliter coram testibus subscriptis sursum reddidit pureque simpliciter resignauit · Ac totum ius et clameum que in dictis terris et firma cum pertinentiis habuit seu habere potuit pro se et heredibus suis omnino quittum clamauit imperpetuum · Tenendas et habendas omnes et singulas prenominatas terras et firmam cum pertinenciis prefato Donaldo et heredibus suis de nobis et successoribus nostris comitibus Rossie in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum, per omnes rectas metas suas antiquas et diuisas, in boscis planis moris marresiis viis semitis aquis stagnis pratis pascuis et pasturis molendinis multuris et eorum sequelis aucupationibus venationibus et piscationibus cum curiis eschaetis et curiarum exitibus, petariis turbariis et carbonariis cum fabrilibus et bracinis, ac cum omnibus aliis et singulis libertatibus commoditatibus et aisiamentis ac justis pertinentiis suis quibuscunque ad prenominatas terras et firmam cum pertinentiis spectantibus seu juste spectare valentibus quomodolibet in futurum · Soluendo inde annuatim prefatus Donaldus et heredes sui nobis et successoribus nostris comitibus de Rosse octo libras usualis monete regni nostri in cameram Comitis de Rosse · Et faciendo nobis et successoribus nostris regibus Scocie forinsecum seruicium et tres sectas ad tria placita capitalia in curia vicecomitis de Narn · una cum wardis releuiis et maritagiis cum contigerint ac aliis seruiciis de dictis

terris debitis et consuetis · In cuius rei testimonium presenti carte nostre magnum sigillum nostrum apponi precepimus · Testibus Reverendo in Christo patre Johanne episcopo Glasguensi cancellario nostro · Johanne Forestarii camerario nostro · Waltero de Ogilby thesaurario nostro militibus · et Magistro Willelmo Foulis custode privati sigilli nostri preposito de Bothuile · apud Edinburgh decimo quarto die mensis Septembris anno regni nostri vicesimo quinto.

The next instrument is useful for ancient Burgh usage and boundaries, though its language is so faulty, as to be in parts scarcely intelligible. The Rood Kirk—"Capella Sancte Crucis," which stood between the Constabulary garden and the High Street of the little Burgh, is still named in Nairn Burgal Charters.

Ane Instrument off certan rudis off land that Donald Thain of Caldor gatt in Nairn.

In dei nomine amen · Per hoc presens pupplicum instrumentum cunctis pateat euidenter et sit notum · quod anno a natiuitate domini millesimo quadringentesimo tricesimo sexto, vicesimo die mensis Aprilis · indictione decima quarta · pontificatus sanctissimi in Christo patris ac domini nostri · Domini Eugenii diuina prouidencia pape quarti · anno sexto · in mei notarii pupplici subscripti ac aliorum testium subscriptorum ad hoc specialiter vocatorum presencia, personaliter constitutus nobilis vir Donaldus de Calldor, dominus ejusdem super lite et controuersia inter se et balliuos ac communitatem de Narryn motis videlicet: dictus Donaldus, ex parte domini Regis et Comitis Rossie dicit et proponit quod terre jacentes inter terras Johannis Farayr, ad partem occidentalem, et capellam Sancte Crucis ad orientalem, cujus facies ad viam regiam versus borialem, cum suis pertinenciis ad castrum domini Regis et comitis Rossie hereditati hujus terre de jure pertinebant · quibus non obstantibus predicti balliui cum unanimi consensu communitatis dicte ville de Narryn statum et saysinam de dictis terris sumpserunt nullam

justiciam pro eis monstrando · sed solummodo nudis verbis asserentes quod terre prius dicte communitati pertinerent · in prejudicium status et honoris Regis et Comitis predicti · Crastinali vero die videlicet vicesimo primo die mensis Aprilis · sepedictus Donaldus de Calldor pro tunc vicecomes de Narryn, antedictam saysinam ac statum, ex parte domini Regis et Comitis fregit, et in forma debita violauit, hiis testibus presentibus · nobilibus viris Hugone de Ross Domino de Balenagoon · Willelmo filio et herede Domini de Calldor · Domino Micaheli capellano dicti comitis · Willelmo M'Wly · cum quam pluribus aliis clericis et laycis vocatis ad hoc specialiter et rogatis. Super quibus omnibus et singulis prelocutis et factis, prefatus dominus de Calldor per me notarium pupplicum subscriptum, instrumentum pupplicum sibi fieri cum instancia postulauit, hiis testibus presentibus, Nobilibus viris · Lachlanno M'Gilleon Domino de Duvayrd · Hugone de Ross Domino de Balenagoon · Magistro Andrea de Monroo Archidiacono Rossensi · Alexandro M'Culach · cum quam pluribus aliis clericis et laycis ad premissa vocatis specialiter et rogatis · Acta sunt hec in aula predicti castri de Narryn, anno die mense indictione et pontificatu predictis.

"Donaldus de Caldor vicecomes de Narn" affixed his seal in testimony of seisin given to Hugh de Roos of Kilravock, at Inverness, 20th July 1440.



From this Donald Thane of Cawdor, the Calders of Assuanly and Calders of Muirton are said to be descended; and through them some families still extant claim to represent the male line of the old Thanes. There is an old tradition that the first of these Cadets received the lands of Assuanly from Huntly, in recompense for the exploit of penetrating

to the camp of the Earl of Crawford before the battle of Brechin, (A. 1453,) from whence he carried off the Tiger's own drinking cup as a trophy.

When William succeeded to his father Donald in the Thanedom, the Earls of Ross were reinstated, though but for a short time, in their great territory and superiorities:—

Preceptum Sasine Willelmi de Caldor.

Alexander de Ile Comes Rossie Dominus Insularum ac Justiciarius ex parte boreali aque de Forth · Johanni Grant vicecomiti deputato de Inuernys balliuo nostro in hac parte salutem · Quia per inquisicionem de mandato nostro factam et ad capellam nostram retornatam compertum est quod quondam Donaldus de Caldor pater Willelmi de Caldor latoris presentium obiit ultimo vestitus et saisitus ut de feodo ad pacem et fidem domini nostri Regis · de terris thanagii de Caldor cum pertinenciis et officiis vicecomitatus de Narn ac constabularie eiusdem, cum ceruisia et piscibus assise una cum annuo redditu sex mercarum de Belmakath, ac de terris de Both et Banchre cum pertinenciis, et de terris dimidietatis de Rate una cum molendino eiusdem cum pertinenciis, jacentibus in comitatu Morauie infra vicecomitatum de Narn · et quod dictus Willelmus est legitimus et propinquior heres dicti quondam patris sui de dictis terris annuo redditu et molendino cum pertinenciis et est legitime etatis et quod de nobis tenentur in capite · Vobis igitur precipimus et mandamus quatinus prefato Willelmo vel suo certo actornato latori presentium saisinam et statum hereditarium dictarum terrarum annui redditus et molendini cum pertinenciis indilate visis presentibus tribuatis · saluo jure cuiuslibet ut est moris · Ad quod faciendum vobis in hac parte nostram plenariam committimus potestatem et mandatum speciale per presentes · Et in signum dicte saisine per vos tradite sigillum uestrum in secunda cauda post nostrum apponatis · Datum sub sigillo nostro apud burgum de Inuernys decimo septimo die mensis Augusti anno domini millesimo quadringentesimo quadragesimo secundo.

Eight years later the Thane was supplying corn for the garrisons of the Royal Castles of Inverness and Urquhart, as stated in the following entry in the account rendered in

Exchequer by the Bailies of the Burgh of Inverness, 10th September 1448—15th July 1450.

Et per solucionem factam Willelmo Caldor de eodem pro duabus celdris frumenti emptis ab eodem et liberatis Thome de Ogiluy [capitaneo castrorum de Inuernys et Vrchard] ad vsus Regis de mandato Regis et Roberti de Leuingstoun olim computorum rotulatoris Domini nostri Regis vt patet per eorum literas de precepto et dicti Willelmi Caldor de recepto ostensas super compotum · xiiij · li · viij · s · de quo frumento dictus Thomas de Ogiluy respondebit.

In the General Register House at Edinburgh is an attestation by "Willelmus thanus de Caldor vicecomes de Narn ac ballivus in hac parte magnifici etc. Johannis de Ile comitis Rossie domini Insularum ac domini superioris terrarum vicecomitatus de Narn"—of seisin given to Andrew Ostillar, burgess of Forres, in the lands of Kynowdie, on a new charter of the said Lord, dated at Kynowdie, 16th March 1449. The seal is much defaced :—



Certain transactions of Alexander of Sutherland, interested the Thane of Cawdor by the marriage of their children. The following obligation of Alexander Earl of Ross, is found in a transumpt taken in the chapel of the Palace of Spynie—by *Wilelmus de Caldore filius et apparens heres nobilis viri Wilelmi de Caldore militis de eodem*—on 26th September 1464, in presence of David, Bishop of Moray, Thomas Graunt, Official, Sir William of Gawbrath, Rector of Kyncardyn, Thomas of Abernethy, Donald of Caldore, and Nenanus, styled the Bishop's *panifer*, meaning my lord's baker. The Charter of Earl John is from the original at Cawdor.

Obligation of the Erle of Ross.

Be yt mayde kende till all men be thire present lettres ws Alexander of Ile Erle of Ross and lorde of the Ilys to be oblyst and be thyre oure present lettres oblysis and stratlie byndis ws fore ws ande oure arrys till be upricht with Alexander of Suthirlande and oure derrast syster Maryoun of the Ilys hys spous ande the arrys gottyn ore to be gottyn betuex thame of thare bodyis in the defens of the Castell and landys of Dunbeth and the landis of Ra with the pertinens agane all tha that leffis ore dee may. Ande gyff yt happynnis that the sayde castell and landys of Dunbeth with the pertinens be optenyt and lachfully wonnyn fra Alexander of Suthirlande ore fra the arrys bodely gottyn ore to be gottyn betuex hym and Maryoun of Ile oure syster now ore in tymys for to cum, we oblysis and stratlie byndys us fore us and oure arrys that we sall gyf alsmekyll landys heretabilly with all profitis that sall extende till alsmekill malys yerly as all the landis of Dunbeth with the pertinens betuexe the bryg of Alnes and the gyrth of Tayne within the Erldowm of Ross till the forsayde Alexander and till Marioun oure forsayde systyre hys spous ore tyl the arrys bodely gottyn ore to be gottyn betuexe thame and we oblyse ws and our arrys till fulfyll this obligacioun before wrytyn all fraude gyll cauyllacioun and excepcionys excludyt and biput. In witnes of the quhilk thyng oure seill we haf toput at Inuernys the xxiiij day of the moneth of Octobris the yere of oure lorde a thowsande four hundyr thyrty and nyne yeris before thire witnes that is to say Lauchlayne Maklan of Dowart, John Makloyde of Dunvegane, Carlich Makkerthyre, Alexander M'Cullauch, and Aychyn Carlichsoun, with syndry utheris.

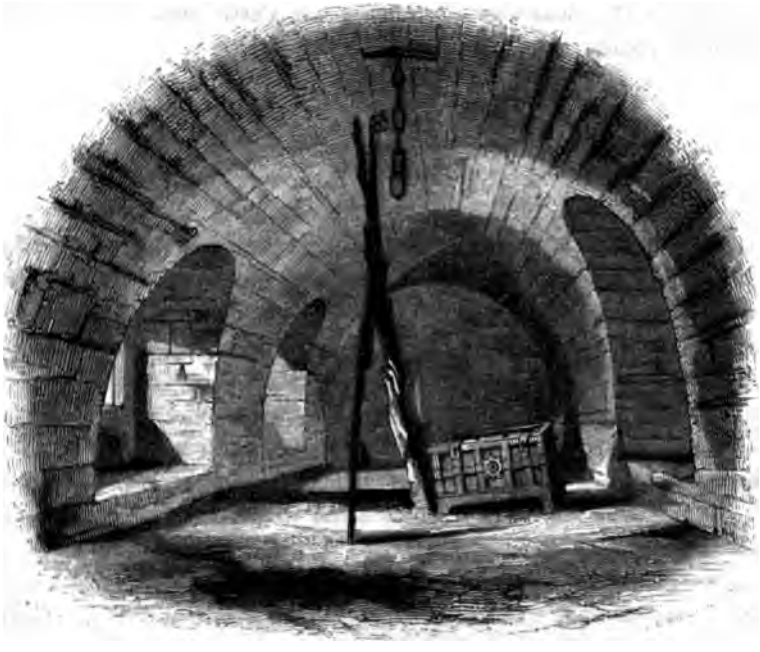
Carta de Estir Kyndeis Magistro de Sutherland.

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris vel audituris Johannes de Yle Comes Rossie et dominus Insularum eternam in domino salutem · Nouerit uniuersitas vestra nos dedisse concessisse et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse dilecto

nostro consanguineo Alexandro de Suthirlande de Dunbeth · omnes et singulas terras de Ester Kyndeis cum pertinenciis iacentes in comitatu nostro Rossie infra vicecomitatum de Inuernys pro suo homagio et fideli seruicio · Quequidem terre fuerunt quondam Thome de Fentoune de Ogil · et quas idem Thomas · · · resignauit · · · Tenendas et habendas dictas terras de Estir Kyndeis cum pertinenciis prefato Alexandro de Suthirlande heredibus suis et suis assignatis de nobis et successoribus nostris Comitibus Rossie in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum per omnes rectas metas suas antiquas et diuisas in boscis et planis · · · venacionibus aucupationibus piscariis et falconibus · · · In cuius rei testimonium presenti carte nostre sigillum nostrum appendi fecimus · apud Inuernys decimo tercio die mensis Augusti, anno domini millesimo quadringentesimo quadragesimo nono · Presentibus ibidem Johanne Stewart Domino de Lorn · Lachlanno M'Gilleoin de Dowarde · Johanne Murchardi M'Gilleoin de Fynschenys · Johanne Lachlanni M'Gilleoin de Colla · Willelmo Thano de Caldor · Magistro Thoma Lochmalony cancellario ecclesie Rossensis · Andrea Reede preposito burgi de Inuernys · et Alexandro Flemmyng de Perth cum diuersis aliis in testimonium vocatis.

"The Thanes of Cawdor," writes Lachlan Shaw, "as Constables of the King's house, resided in the Castle of Nairn, and had a country seat at what is now called Old Cawdor, a half mile north from the present seat. There they had a house on a small moat, with a dry ditch, and a drawbridge, the vestiges whereof are to be seen." The remains at Old Cawdor —in the midst of the flat alluvial plain—have only finally disappeared within the memory of the present generation:—"The tower," writes Shaw, speaking of the present castle, "stands between two courts of buildings. Tradition beareth that the Thane was directed in a dream to build the tower round a hawthorn tree on the bank of the brook. Be this as it will, there is in the lowest vault of the tower, the trunk of a hawthorn tree, firm and sound, growing out of the rock and reaching to the top of the vault. Strangers are brought to stand round it, each one to take a chip of it, and then to drink to the hawthorn tree, *i.e.*, 'Prosperity to the Family of Calder.' This house,

with spacious inclosures, fine gardens, a park of red deer, and a large wood close by the house, make a grand and delightful seat." Shaw omits, perhaps advisedly, part of the legend which is yet vouched by the constant tradition of the castle—how the Thane resolved to build a tower of fence, but hesitating as to its site, was admonished in a dream to bind the coffer containing the treasure he had collected for the purpose on an ass; to set the animal free, and to build his tower wherever it stopped; how the treasure-laden ass stopped exactly at "the third hawthorn tree," and how the castle was there built accordingly. The "first and second hawthorn trees," which stood within a hundred yards of the castle, fell within the last forty years, bearing the marks of extreme old age. Even those who are sceptical enough to question the mythical history must confess that the tree is still standing rooted in the castle vault, and that beside it lies the coffer, albeit no longer full of gold or silver.



The local tradition distinguishes no individual Thane as the builder, nor fixes at all the period of the building. For these matters we are indebted to charter and record.

William, Thane of Cawdor, who had succeeded to his father Donald in 1442, is indeed the first person of the family with whose manner of life we become acquainted. He lived under James II., of whose personal history and the events of his reign, less is known than of any of the line of the Stewart kings, and at a time when the northern provinces of Scotland were in continual revolution by the rapid changes of fortune of the Earls of Ross and Moray; and his fortune did not suffer by these changes. He was, in youth, evidently a personal attendant on the young Monarch, who calls him his Squire, (*dilectus familiaris scutifer noster*,) and he was in later life constantly engaged in public business. Upon the fall of the Douglases in 1455, including Archibald, "pretensus comes Moravie," who held the great Earldom of the Randolphs in right of his wife, the King came into the north in person, and appears to have devoted himself for some years to establishing a settled policy in the country. He is found holding courts of justice at Banff, sojourning at Inverness, entertained at the Bishop's palace of Spynie, and maintaining his own little household and court in the manse of the Parson of Duffus, within the college of the Cathedral of Elgin, where we are not surprised to find that the King required more accommodation, and built a new kitchen for the manse. It is pleasnat to think that the young Monarch was not altogether engrossed by criminal courts and public business. He attended to the repairs of the old hunting-seat of Darnaway, and while he found time to enjoy the sport of the Valley of Findhorn, he allowed the Crown tenants an abatement for lands thrown out of cultivation for the chase.

We learn from subsequent accounts of the Chamberlain, that the great Earldom of Moray was granted to David, a legitimate son of the King, a prince who died in infancy, and whose very existence has hitherto been unknown to the Scotch historian. To give him the full benefit of the apanage, a new leasing and "rentaling" of the Earldom lands were required, and for that purpose four persons were commissioned, the King apparently presiding at their deliberations. These were the old Bishop, John Winchester, a tried servant of the King's father; Alexander Lord Glammys, the son-in-law of Crichton the Chancellor; the Thane of Cawdor; and Master Thomas of Carmichael, a Canon of the Cathedral. The last two were also employed in the office of Chamberlain of the King's lands and revenues beyond the Spey; and the accounts rendered by them in Exchequer, (1456-58,) furnish by far the most full and interesting account of the state of property in the north at that period, while they throw light incidentally upon the movements of the Court, and the personal history of the Sovereign as well as local and family history.

After the death of James II., Thane William still continued in public life. In 1467

he attended Parliament as proxy of the Earl of Ross. In 1469 and 1471, he is enumerated among the Barons present in Parliament, and in the former of these years he served upon the assize which convicted Alexander Boyd of High Treason.

In the meantime he was not negligent of his own affairs, but made some valuable additions to his paternal estates, and secured a wealthy match for his son and successor.

Licentia construendi castrum.

Jacobus Dei gratia Rex Scotorum omnibus probis hominibus tocius terre sue clericis et laicis salutem · Sciatis quod concessimus dilecto familiari scutifero nostro Willelmo de Caldore Thano eiusdem plenam et liberam facultatem et licentiam nostram specialem, castrum suum de Caldore jacens in vicecomitatu nostro de Inuernarne construendi ac ipsum Castrum cum muris et fossis fortificandi circumvallandi portisque clausuris ferreis fundandi et in altum erigendi, ac in summitate eiusdem turriculis et ornamentis defensiuis ac apparatibus et fortitudinibus bellicis preparandi et ornandi, ac muris lapideis fossis foueis et fortiliciis circumcingendi et fortificandi, ceteraque ad perfectionem et consummationem dicti castri que conuenire valeant faciendi ac constabillarios janitores carceris custodes in eodem castro imponendi et constituendi, cum feodis juribus consuetudinibus priuilegiis castro attinentibus, et in talibus castris secundum regni nostri consuetudinem est fieri consuetum · Quare uniuersis et singulis ligiis et subditis nostris stricte inhibemus ne predictum Willelmum vel suos factores operarios seruitores suos quoscunque, in edificatione et constructione dicti castri modo et forma premissis molestent inquietent vexent aut perturbent seu eisdem aut eorum alicui impedimentum vel obstaculum quodcunque prestent, siue dampnum injuriam aut dispendium inferant quoquo modo sub omni pena quam erga nostram regiam incurrere poterunt maiestatem · Prouiso tamen quod dictum castrum nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris semper promptum existat et paratum et quod nos heredes et successores nostri semper habeamus et habeant in eodem castro quociens et quando nobis aut successoribus nostris placuerit liberum introitum et egressum sine difficultate aut obstaculo quibuscunque · In cuius rei testimonium magnum sigillum nostrum presentibus apponi precepimus · Testibus Reverendis in Christo

patribus Jacobo Johanne et Georgeo Sancti Andree Morauiensis et Brechinensis ecclesiarum episcopis · Willelmo Comite Orcadie Domino de Sancto Claro cancellario nostro et consanguineo nostro predilecto · dilectis consanguineis nostris Thoma Domino Erskyn · Willelmo Domino Somervill · Roberto Domino Flemyng Magistro hospicii nostri · et Patricio Domino Glammys · Apud Strivelyne sexto die mensis Augusti anno domini millesimo quadringentesimo quinquagesimo quarto · Et regni nostri decimo octauo.

Almost contemporary with the building of the Castle of Cawdor, we have a warrant for destroying the fortalice of Lochindorb, an old Norman Keep in a moorland loch beyond the Findhorn, which Edward III. rendered famous by his perilous expedition to relieve the Countess of Athol, besieged in it in 1336, and which, from its situation and strength, was dangerous to the Royal power. Archibald Douglas, Earl of Moray, had fortified it against the king in 1454. Long before this document was disinterred, a tradition of the house asserted that the iron door of the Donjon of Cawdor was brought from Lochindorb, adding some romantic incidents of the Highland Samson who carried it on his single back across the moors from the one Castle to the other:—

Littera Thani de Caldore.

Jacobus Dei gratia Rex Scotorum uniuersis et singulis ligiis et subditis nostris ad quorum noticias presentes littere peruenerint salutem · Quia per alias litteras nostras fecimus ordinauimus et deputauimus dilectum nostrum Willelmum Thanum de Caldor nostrum factorem pro deiectione destructione et subuersione domus et fortalicii de Lochindorb prout in eisdem litteris nostris desuper confectis plenius continetur · Nos heredes et successores nostri warrantizabimus et warrantizabunt defendemus et defendent contra omnes mortales dictum Willelmum Thanum de Caldore heredes suos et assignatos penes deiectionem destructionem et subuersionem dicte domus et fortalicii de Lochindorb. Quare uniuersis et singulis ligiis et subditis nostris tam presentibus quam futuris stricte precipiendo mandamus nequis dictum Willelmun Thanum de Caldore heredes suos uel assignatos pro deiectione

destructione et subuersione dicte domus aliquatenus vexare inquietare dampnificare uel molestare presumat quoquomodo in futurum sub omni pena quam erga nostram regiam incurrere poterit maiestatem. Datum sub magno sigillo nostro apud Abirdene quinto die mensis Marcii anno Domini. millesimo quadringentesimo quinquagesimo quinto. Et regni nostri vicesimo.

The Administration and Exchequer accounts of Willlam Thane of Cawdor, will be better understood by giving a few extracts from those of his immediate predecessor, whose year of stewardship fell in the very point of change caused by the extinction of the old Earls of Moray.

Master David Stewart, then apparently Parson of Duffus, and some time after Bishop of Moray, styled in Exchequer language simply The King's Chamberlain beyond Spey—*Camerarius Regis ex parte boreali aque de Spey*—rendered his account in Exchequer on the 22d September 1456, for the half year preceding.

He takes burden for the rents of all Crown lands and all lands of the Earls of Moray, within the Sheriffdom of Elgin, the Sheriffdom of Forres, the Lordship of Glencharny; and thereafter states his account of charge as regards the districts with which we are now chiefly engaged, and first of the Lordship of Stratherne or the Valley of Findhorn;—

Item idem onerat se de iii li · vi s · viii d · de firmis terrarum de Moymore et Moybeg infra dominium de Stratherne de predicto termino · et de xxxiii s · iiii d · de firmis terrarum de Pollethryn de eodem termino · et de xvii s · de firmis terrarum de Corrywroch de eodem termino · et de xxxiii s · iiii d · de firmis terrarum de Westyr Corrywroch de eodem termino · et de xvii s · de firmis terrarum de Inneryn de eodem termino · et de xvii s · de firmis terrarum de Forest de eodem termino · et de xvii s · de firmis de Tonattyn de eodem termino · et de xvii s · de firmis terrarum de Morglon de eodem termino · et de xvii s · de firmis terrarum de Reakbeg de eodem termino · et de xxxiii s · iiii d · de firmis terrarum de Reakmore de eodem termino · et de xxxiii s · iiii d · de firmis terrarum de Clonymore de eodem termino · et

de xvii s · de firmis terrarum de Stronen de eodem termino · et de xvii s · de firmis terrarum de Westyr Stronen de eodem termino · et de xxxiii s · iiii d · de firmis terrarum de Twa Banchariis de eodem termino · et de xxxiii s · iiii d · de firmis terrarum de Moryll de eodem termino · et de xxxiii s · iiii d · de firmis terrarum de Corrymore de eodem termino · et de xxxiii s · iiii d · de firmis terrarum de Kellachy de eodem termino · et de xii s · vi d · de firmis terrarum de Innermasseran de eodem termino · et de xxv s · de firmis terrarum de Dalchomoch de eodem termino · et de xxv s · de firmis terrarum de Doulatre de eodem termino · et de xxv s · de firmis terrarum de Badyfin de eodem termino · et de liii s · iiii d · de firmis terrarum de Schefin de eodem termino que villa est de proprietate Regis.

Summa huius oneracionis dominii de Stratherne xxx li · x s · ii d.

Item idem onerat se de iii li · vi s · viii d · de firmis terrarum de Twa Abercalladoris de predicto termino infra dominium de Strathnarne · et de iii li · vi s · viii d · de Twa Aberardoris de eodem termino · et de xxxiii s · iiii d . de firmis terrarum de Dulcrombey de eodem termino · et de xxxiii s · iiii d · de firmis terrarum de Brenemore de eodem termino · et de xxxiii s · iiii d . de firmis terrarum de Litilbrene de eodem termino · et de xxxiii s · iiii d · de firmis terrarum de Flichty de eodem termino · et de xxxiii s · iiii d · de firmis terrarum de Farr de eodem termino · et de xxxiii s · [iiii d ·] de firmis terrarum de Innernarne de eodem termino · et de xxxiii s · iiii d · de firmis terrarum de Larg de eodem termino · et de xxxiii s · iiii d · de firmis terrarum de Gask de eodem termino · et de xxxiii s · iiii d · de firmis terrarum de Fale de eodem termino · et de iii li · vi s · viii d · de firmis terrarum de Cragy de eodem termino · et de xxxiii s · iiii d · de firmis terrarum de Lityll Devey de eodem termino · et de xxxiii s · iiii d · de firmis terrarum de Mikil Devey de eodem termino · et de xxxiii s · iiii · d · de firmis terrarum de Culclachy de eodem termino · et de xxxiii s · iiii d · de firmis terrarum de Holm de eodem termino · et de xvii s · de firmis terrarum de Drumvrny de eodem termino.

Summa huius oneracionis de Strathnarn in warda existente per mortem Comitis Craufurdie xxxii li · x s · iiii d.

Et pro tegulis et tectura aule de Tarnway vltra viginti libras datas tectori per quondam comitem Morauie vltimo defunctum in plenam solucionem centum marcarum per eundem quondam comitem sibi pro eadem tectura promissarum ipso tectore uidelicet Johanne Sklattar fatente per literas suas receptum super compotum xlvi li · xiii s · iiii d · et eidem tectori pro calce clauis ferreis et expensis suis tempore tecture supradicte et expensis seruiencium eidem et expensis eorum et feodis suis ipso tectore eciam fatente per literas suas receptum super compotum xx li · et per solucionem factam Thome Oggilby vicecomiti de Elgyn et Fores ac custodi castri de Tarnway pro feodo suo de termino Penthecostes vltimo de mandato Domini Regis sub priuato sub periculo compotantis xxvi li · xiii s · iiii d · et allocati eidem pro apposicione magnorum lignorum et firmacione eorundem cum magnis clauis ferreis ad coplas dicte aule pro conseruacione tegularum ad vtrumque gabulum eiusdem sub eodem periculo xl s · et Alexandro Flemyng burgensi de Perth seruanti castrum de Innernys pro fabrica et reparacione domorum in dicto castro et clausura circa muros eiusdem de mandato Domini Regis.

Allowance is made for two terces out of the Ogilvy lands of Strathnairn, to the two countesses of Craufurd, these lands being in the King's hands by reason of ward, through the recent death of the earl of Craufurd. Other parts of that lordship were not available to the Crown for other causes :—

Et pendent insuper de firmis warde de Strathnarn que occupantur per Duncanum Carrach et Malcolmum M'Kyntoschey iuniorem de dicto termino xvii li · vii s · vii d · Et pendent similiter de firmis terrarum de Petyn et Brachlyn occupatarum per Malcolmum M'Kyntoschey patrem Dominum Beanum Angusium et Alanum M'Kyntoschey de dicto termino xii li · xiii s · iiii d · et precipitur vt supra · Et pendent similiter de firmis certarum terrarum de Petyn et Brachlyn quas computans asserit non fuisse assedatas super quo refert se ad rentale Domini Regis factum in Morauia per officiarios eiusdem.

The next year's Exchequer Roll contains the accounts of the Thane of Cawdor and his coadjutor under this title,

Camerarius ultra Spey.

Compotum Willermi thani de Caldor et Magistri Thome de Carmichael canonici Morauiensis camerariorum Domini Regis ex parte boreali aque de Speya redditum apud Lithgw xix die mensis Julii anno Domini etc · quinquagesimo septimo de omnibus receptis suis et expensis per firmas et exitus dicti camerariatus a festo Beati Martini exclusiue anni Domini etc · quinquagesimi sexti vsque ad diem huius compoti et sic de vno termino videlicet Penthecostes infra hoc compotum · et nihil hic de dicto termino Beati Martini quia Magister Dauid Stewart se intromisit cum illo et respondebit pro eodem. Respondebit Magister Dauid Stewart.

Idem onerant se in primis de lxxxix li · iii s · iiii d · de firmis omnium terrarum vicecomitatus de Elgyn preter grana de dicto termino · et de lvi li · xviii s · iiii d · cum piscaria de Sloy per integras firmas terrarum vicecomitatus de Fores per idem tempus · et de lv li · per integras firmas dominii de Glencharny de eodem termino · et de xxx li · x s · ii d · per integras firmas dominii de Stratherne de dicto termino · et de xlix li · vi s · viii d · per integras firmas baroniarum de Pety et Brachly de eodem termino · et de l li · xi s · viii d · per integras firmas terrarum infra vicecomitatum de Innernys que sunt de proprietate Morauie · et de xxxii li · x s · iiii d · per integras firmas dominii de Strathnarne in warda existentis per mortem quondam comitis Craufurdie · et de lxxxxi li · viii s · x d · per integras firmas baroniarum de Avauch et Eddyrdule ex parte boreali aque de Forn preter grana de eodem termino · et de l li · per integras firmas dominii de Vrchard et Glenmorischen de eodem termino · et de x li · per integras firmas baronie de Bonnoch et Bannachar de eodem termino.

Summa totalis oneracionis v°xv li · ix s · iiii d.

Et non onerant se de lxxxv li · vi s · viii d · restantibus per arreragia compoti predicti Magistri Dauid Stewart vt patet in pede eiusdem quia dictus Magister Dauid respondebit de eisdem · nec de firmis terrarum de le Ard Strathglas Abertarf Strathardok in warda existencium per mortem quondam Thome Fraser spectancium ad comitatum Morauie · nec de aliquibus aliis terris dicte warde infra vicecomitatus de Innernys et Narne quia ante terminum huius compoti dictus Rex concessit wardam dictarum terrarum vnacum maritagio heredis earundem Domino Glammys vt patet per literas Domini Regis sub priuato desuper ostensas · nec onerant se de auenis martis multonibus caponibus seu gallinis dicti comitatus vel camerariatus sui quia Magister Dauid Stewart onerandus est de eisdem et pro eisdem respondebit.

Respondebit Magister Dauid Stewart

Respondebit Magister Dauid Stewart.

Expense eorundem · In primis allocate compotantibus per solucionem factam quinque capellanis Sancti Thome martiris celebrantibus in ecclesia cathedrali de Elgyn ex fundacione quondam Domini Thome Ranulphi comitis Morauie et confirmacione quondam Domini Regis Roberti primi dictis capellanis per literas suas fatentibus receptum super compotum de termino Penthecostes huius compoti in plenam solucionem feodorum suorum xi li · xvi s · viii d · et capellano Domini nostri Regis celebranti in dicta ecclesia pro anima quondam Regis Duncani et omnium fidelium fundato per quondam Regem Alexandrum secundum percipienti annuatim de firma burgi de Elgyn quadraginta solidos de dicto termino xx s · et capellano Beate Marie Virginis celebranti in capella castri de Elgyn percipienti annuatim quinque libras de firmis dicti burgi de termino huius compoti sub periculo compotantis l s · et capellano celebranti in dicta ecclesia cathedrali et fundato super dominio de Lambride percipienti annuatim de dicto dominio octo marcas de dicto termino sub eodem periculo liii s · iiii d · et capellano celebranti in capella dicti castri de Elgyn pro anima quondam Jacobi de Dunbarr comitis percipienti annuatim de firmis terrarum de Petyndreich octo marcas de dicto termino et sub eodem periculo liii s · iiii d · et Domino Johanni Oggilby de Luntrethyn militi ex parte sponse sue pro tercia sibi debita de dicto comitatu de summa proueniente Domino nostro Regi libere infra dictum vicecomitatum de Elgyn de dicto termino xiii li · xiii s · iiii d.

Summa huius expense xxxiiii li · vi s · viii d. Et sic restant iiii^{c}lxxxi li · ii s · viii d. De quibus allocate compotantibus per solucionem factam capellano Beati Leonardi celebranti in capella eiusdem prope Fores percipienti annuatim quinque libras de firmis vicecomitatus de Fores de termino huius compoti sub eodem periculo l s · et dicto Domino Johanni Oggilby pro tercia debita dicte sponse sue de summa firmarum vicecomitatus de Fores proueniente Domino Regi libere de eodem termino sub periculo compotantis xvii li · xviii s · iiii d · et eidem Domino Johanni racione dicte sponse sue pro tercia de Glencharny de eodem termino xviii li · vi s · viii d · et eidem Domino Johanni ex parte dicte sponse pro tercia sibi debita de firmis terrarum proprietatis Morauie prope Innernys spectancium ad curiam de Ballokhill de eodem termino et sub eodem periculo prouenientibus Domino Regi libere xvi li · xii s · ix d · et allocate compotantibus de firmis terrarum de Vrchard et Glenmorischen concessarum per Dominum Regem comiti Rossie vnacum castro eiusdem pro tempore vite de dicto termino l li · et eisdem pro duabus terciis warde de Strathnarne debitis duabus comitissis Craufurdie de dicto termino xviii li · xv d · et maro de Elgyn pro feodo suo de dicto termino xx s · et maro de Fores pro feodo suo de dicto termino xiii s · iiii d · et maro prope Innernys de eodem termino xiii s · iiii d · et maro de Pety et Brachly de eodem termino xx s · et maro de Avauch et Eddirdule de dicto termino xx s · pro feodis suis · et per solucionem factam capellano capelle de Avauch percipienti annuatim de firmis dicti dominii quinque libras et eodem termino l s · et allocate eisdem de firmis terre ville ecclesie de Devey que vocatur Litil Devey spectantis ad Dominum Episcopum et ecclesiam Morauiensem de dicto termino xxxiii s · iiii d · et allocate eisdem de firmis terrarum de Ardtrillie Litil Budwite villa ecclesie de Evan que vocatur Braa de Evan de Croy de Duldavy de Moymore et Moybeg cum insula que vocatur Ellane-a-moy que sunt recuperate per dictum Dominum Episcopum in concilio generali vltimo tento apud Edynburgh vnacum terris de Inneryn vt patet per literas dicti Domini Regis sub magno sigillo suo ostensas super compotum de termino huius compoti xiii li · xiii s · viii d · et per solucionem factam Elisabeth quondam comitisse Morauie ex gracia Domini Regis vt patet per literas suas de precepto sub signeto et ipsius Elisabeth de precepto ostensas super compotum x li · et allocate eisdem de firmis terrarum baronie

de Eddirdule concessarum per Dominum Regem Celestino de Insulis tempore quo Dominus Rex fuit vltimo apud Innernys pro feodo suo de eodem termino xiii li · vi s · viii d · et eisdem pro feodis forestariorum de Tarnway de dicto termino de firmis terrarum de Litil Tary sine croffto xvii s · viii d · obolus · et allocati eisdem de firmis tercie partis terrarum de Duffous spectancium Domino Regi per forisfacturam quondam Comitis de Ormounde pro parte sua situs molendini de Schirrefmill infra baroniam de Spyny pro annuo redditu debito Domino Episcopo Morauiensi de eodem de dicto termino xv s · et eidem Domino Episcopo pro annuo redditu sibi debito pro tercia parte terrarum de Saltcotis in dicta tercia Domini Regis de Duffous de eodem termino ii s · ii d · obolus · et eisdem pro expensis dominorum Episcopi Morauiensis Domini Glammys et compotancium factis in assedacione terrarum' apud Elgyn et Innernys de eodem termino particulariter examinatis super compotum absque propriis xliiii s · et allocate pro expensis alterius computancium videlicet dicti Magistri Thome laborantis in dictis partibus primo per quadraginta dies secundo a festo Purificacionis vsque ad dominicam in Passione et vltimo tempore quo fuerat ibidem extra expensas superius allocatas ex consideracione auditorum pro eundo stando et redeundo pro dictis temporibus xii li · et eisdem pro annuo redditu debito dicto Episcopo de baronia de Kerdale infra dictam balliam de Ballokhill pro parte dictum Dominum regem contingente de dicta baronia que extendit in toto in anno ad sexdecim solidos dempta tercia de termino predicto et termino precedente hoc compotum x s · viii d · et allocate eisdem per solucionem factam domino Niniano Spot compotorum rotulatori ad expensas domicilii Domini Regis ipso fatente super compotum receptum lxxxvi li · iii s · xi d · et dicto Domino Episcopo pro octo marcis leuatis pro terris suis recuperatis per eundem de termino precedente hoc compotum testante Magistro Thoma supradicto et manu propria dicti Magistri Dauid tunc camerarii v li · vi s · viii d · pro quibus dictus Magister Dauid Stewart respondebit.

Respondebit Ninianus comp. rotul.

Respondebit Magister Dauid Stewart.

Summa huius expense et allocacionis ii^{c}lxxvi li · xix s · vi d. Et sic restant ii^{c}iiii li · iii s · ii d. De quibus allocati compotantibus de firmis terrarum de Schefin quia vaste de dicto termino liii s · iiii d · et eisdem ex

decidencia firmarum dominii de Glencharny quia pro parte Regis minus assedabantur de hoc termino quam in oneracione supradicta continetur prout facta fuit fides super compotum x li · et eisdem propter vastitatem terrarum de Strathnarne pro parte Regis de eodem termino viii li · ix s · i d · et eisdem propter decidenciam firmarum de Petyn et Brachly de dicto termino xxx s · et eisdem propter vastitatem terrarum de Knok et Aytenach de eodem termino v li · et eisdem de firmis terrarum de Colnakevil et dominicalium de Tarnway cum le Logyhalch et Campo Constabillarii de Tarnway et piscarie de le Sloy pule de eodem termino in manibus Thome Oggilby custodis castri de Tarnway pro custodia eiusdem pro feodo suo in parte solucionis dicti feodi xi li · xiii s · iiii d · et eisdem de firmis terrarum de Ballyndalach que sunt vna davata et situantur in Strathown et spectant ad proprietatem Morauie quas tenet Duncanus Grawnt impeditus per Dominum Walterum Stewart gaudere eisdem de dicto termino iii li · vi s · viii d · et Domino Thome Oggilby in plenam solucionem feodi sui pro custodia dicti castri de eodem termino xv li · et eisdem pro vastitate terrarum de Clakmarras pro parte Regis de dicto termino xvii s · xi d · et eisdem de firmis terrarum de Thornyhill propter vastitatem cuiusdam partis earundem pro parte Regis iiii s · et eisdem de firmis terrarum de Pollochy propter vastitatem earundem de dicto termino xxv s · et eisdem propter vastitatem terrarum de Corrybroch Estre et Westre de eodem termino xxxiii s · viii d · et eisdem propter eandem vastitatem Foreste de eodem termino viii s · viii d · et eisdem propter eandem vastitatem de Tonatyne de eodem termino viii s · viii d · et eisdem propter vastitatem terrarum de Reakbeg de eodem termino viii s · viii d · et eisdem de Reakmore ex eadem causa de eodem termino xvi s · viii d · et eisdem de Stronen Estre et Westre eadem causa de dicto termino xvii s · iiii d · et eisdem de duabus Banchoriis eadem causa de dicto termino xxv s · et eisdem de terris Corrymore eadem causa de eodem termino xvi s · viii d · et eisdem de terris Kellochy eadem causa de dicto termino xvi s · viii d · et eisdem de firmis terrarum Clunymore Morglon Dalthomoch Dullatre et Badyfin eadem causa de eodem termino vi li · v s · iiii d · super quarum omnium vastitate inquirendum est in proxima assedacione · et eisdem de firmis terrarum de Bothrobin eadem causa de dicto termino iiii s · vi d · pro parte Regis · et allocate eisdem de firmis aque burgi

Inquirendum in proxima assedacione.

Nota quod viij li · xvij s · ix d · descripte superius in tercia sponse Domini Johannis Oggilby sunt de firmis aque de Nyss spectantibus solum Domino Regi de quibus non debet habere terciam.

de Innernys pro quibus balliui dicti burgi reddiderunt compotum que firme extendunt se in anno ad octuaginta marcas xvii li · xv s · vii d · de eodem termino · residuum vero dicti termini de firmis dicte aque de Nyss videlicet octo libre decem et septem solidi et nouem denarii allocantur compotantibus superius et negligenter in tercia debita sponse dicti Domini Johannis de firmis proprietatis terrarum de Ballokhill comitatus Morauie quia firme dicte aque de Nyss sunt de proprietate corone regie de quibus nichil comitibus Morauie agnoscitur pertinere.

Summa huius allocacionis et expense lxxxxi li · xvi s · ix d. Et sic restant i^{c}xii li · vi s · v d. De quibus pendent de firmis terrarum de Blakhillis et Broychaylez cum le Cragmyll de dicto termino assedatarum Johanni Dunbarr et fratri eius Jacobo pro quibus dictus Johannes debitor et plegius existit vii li · vii s · ix d · obolus. Et pendent de firmis terrarum baronie de Eddirdule in manibus dicti Celestini de Insulis de eadem baronia de Eddirdule vltra feodum suum de dicto termino xx s · et pendent similiter in manibus eiusdem Celestini de firmis terrarum de Hiltoun et Gargistoun vltra dictam baroniam de Eddirdule et vltra concessionem dicti Domini Regis de eodem termino vi li · vi s · viii d · et pendent similiter in manibus Alexandri de Dunbarr de firmis terrarum de Westfelde de duabus Fochaberis Ordydarrach et Ardchasche de eodem termino repertarum in compoto anni precedentis quarum firme nondum sunt leuate vii li · de quibus omnibus consulendus est Rex.

Consulendus est Rex.

Summa huius pendencie xxi li · xviii s · v d · obolus. Et sic restant lxxxx li · xi s · xi d · obolus. De quibus allocati compotantibus per solucionem factam Domino Jacobo Siluer capellano celebranti in capella castri de Elgyn pro anima quondam Jacobi de Dunbarr comitis Morauie in plenam solucionem feodi sui de termino predicto xiii s · iiii d · et eisdem pro vastitate cuiusdam partis ville de Ochtircloo et de le Estir Half Davauch de eodem termino lvii s · iiii d · et eisdem per solucionem factam carpentariis de Tarnway dolantibus trescentas tabulas Domino Regi in Parco de Tarnway

precium centenarii viginti solidi sub periculo compotantis iii li · et granitario de Kynlos pro custodia frumenti brasii et farrine Domini Regis ibidem collocatorum ex consideracione auditorum ad presens xl s.

Summa huius expense viii li · x s · viii d. Et sic restant lxxxii li · xv d · obolus · quas debet preter octo libras decem et septem solidos et nouem denarios que negligenter allocabantur superius pro tercia firme aque de Nys vt patet supra in margine presentis compoti. Et sic restant iiii^{xx}x li · xix s · obolus quas debet. Debet.

Item iidem onerant se de xxxiii barilibus salmonum salsorum de Hamburgh prouenientibus de quadraginta marcis firmarum aque de Speya de termino supradicto que barilia remanent in Morauia cum Johanne de Camera et Johanne Rede pro quibus respondebunt de quibus barilibus triginta duo erant transmissa ad portum de Leith et recepta ibidem per compotorum rotulatorem et intrata in libris dietarum ad expensas domicilii Domini Regis pro quibus idem compotorum rotulator respondebit et vnum liberatum apud Spyny ad expensas domicilii Domini Regis et intratum in libris dietarum ut supra. Et sic eque. Respondebunt Johannes de Camera et Johannes Rede. Respondebit compotorum rotulator. Eque.

Item iidem onerant [se] de vi celdris frumenti ville de Monachty de croppo anni vltimo preteriti et de i celdra ii bollis frumenti de le Ruvez de Monachty de eodem croppo et de viii bollis frumenti de Inchetelly per idem tempus et de vi celdris frumenti ville de Alves et de v celdris frumenti de Argy et de ii celdris frumenti de Kyntraa et de iiii celdris frumenti de Ouchtir Alves de eodem termino. ✓

Summa huius oneracionis frumenti dempta tercia eiusdem debita sponse dicti Domini Johannis xvi celdre vi bolle ii ferlote cum duabus partibus ferlote.

Item iidem onerant se de ii celdris brasii ii celdris farrine ville de Kyntraa. ✓

Summa huius oneracionis brasii et farrine dempta tercia parte debita vt supra ii celdre x bolle ii ferlote cum duabus partibus ferlote.

Item iidem onerant se de viii celdris ordei de firmis tercie partis de Duffous Dominum Regem contingentis de eodem croppo et de xi celdris xii bollis ordei xi celdris xii bollis farrine auenatice de firmis dictarum baroniarum de Avauch et Eddyrdule de croppo supradicto.

Summa huius oneracionis xxxi celdre viii bolle ordei et farrine.

Summa totalis oneracionis frumenti xvi celdre vi bolle ii ferlote cum ii partibus ferlote.

Summa totalis brasii et ordei xxi celdre i bolla i ferlota et dimidia duarum parcium ferlote.

Summa totalis farrine xiii celdre i bolla i firlota et dimidia le twa part ferlote · De quibus quidem vndecim celdris et duodecim bollis ordei et totidem farrine descriptis superius in oneracione baroniarum de Avauch et Eddyrdule solum reperiuntur in rentali hoc anno desuper facto xv celdre iiii bolle · Et sic desunt octo celdre et quatuor bolle oneracionis supradicte et anni preteriti que presumuntur esse de terris quas occupat et tenet dictus Celestinus super quibus dum ventum fuerit ad partes inquirendum est.

Inquirendum est.

The next Account of William Thane of Caldor and Master Thomas Carmichael, Chamberlains of our Lord the King on the north part of the Water of Spey, was rendered at Perth, 21 June 1458, for the year past. The *oneratio* or charge side is too much like that of the preceding year to be given here. Such parts of their expenditure or discharge as are mere repetitions of the former year shall also be omitted.

Expense eorundem. In primis allocate compotantibus pro tercia debita sponse Domini Johannis Oggilby de terris dicti vicecomitatus de Elgyn de anno compoti xxxix li · xxi d · et pro tercia dicte sponse dominii de Glencharny infra dictum vicecomitatum de eodem anno xiii li · vi s · viii d · et pro tercia debita eedem sponse de terris vicecomitatus de Fores xxxix li · x s · et eedem sponse pro tercia sua terrarum baronie de Leffaris de dicto anno xvii li · v s · vi d · obolus · et duabus comitissis Craufurdie pro terciis suis terrarum dominii de Strathnarne in warda existencium xxxiii li · xiii s ·

obolus de anno compoti · et allocate eisdem propter vastitatem dictarum terrarum de Strathnarne de anno compoti xi li · iiii s · viii d · et eisdem propter decidenciam firmarum terrarum de Strathnarne de duobus terminis infra compotum xxii li · iiii s · v d.

The next head shall be given entire.

Summa expensarum ii°xlv li · xix d. Et sic restant vi°ii li · v s · ii d · obolus. De quibus allocate compotantibus de firmis terrarum de Ettirdule concessarum per Dominum Regem Celestino de Insulis pro feodo suo de anno compoti sub periculo compotanciuum xxvi li · xiii s · iiii d · et eisdem per solucionem factam Thome Oggilby de Balfoure de mandato Domini Regis sub signeto et subscriptione pro feodo suo et custodia castri de Tarnway de termino Beati Martini vltimo xxvi li · xiii s · iiii d · sub periculo compotancium · et allocate eisdem per solucionem factam Elisabeth de Dunbarr sponse quondam Archibaldi de Douglas de mandato Domini Regis sub signeto ipsa testante receptum manu sua ostensa super compotum x li · et allocate eisdem de firmis terrarum dominicalium de Tarnway cum Colnakevill Logyhalch et le Constabilefelde que antiquitus dicebantur dictorum dominicalium et valere solum decem libras in anno licet nunc ponantur in rentali Regis facto per Magistrum Dauid Stewart pro quindecim libris sex solidis et octo denariis in anno solutis Alexandro de Dunbarr pro custodia castri de Tarnway de vltimo termino huius compoti vii li · xiii s · iiii d · et allocate eisdem de firmis terrarum de Knok et Aytenach quia de mandato Domini Regis erant proclamate vaste pro venacione de anno huius compoti x li · et allocate eisdem de firmis terrarum de Lewingishalch concessis per Dominum Regem capellano castri de Elgyn ad reparacionem et reedificacionem capelle dicti castri vt patet per literas eiusdem Domini Regis sub signeto et subscripcione ostensas super compotum de anno compoti xl s · et allocate eisdem de firmis terrarum de Blakhillis occupatarum anno preterito per Jacobum de Dunbarr de mandato Domini Regis testante compotorum

rotulatore mandatum super compotum de primo termino huius compoti xxxiii s · iiii d · et eisdem per vastitatem cuiusdam partis terrarum de Clakmarras Dominum Regem contingentis eciam de primo termino huius compoti xvii s · xi d · et eisdem per vastitatem cuiusdam partis terrarum de Thornyhill Dominum Regem contingentis similiter de primo termino huius compoti iiii s · et eisdem per decidenciam firmarum de Balnageith eo quod due marce ponebantur in rentali amplius quam alias soluere consueuerat eciam de primo termino huius compoti xiii s · iiii d · et eisdem de firmis terrarum de Litil Tary inhabitatarum per forestarios de Tarnway concessarum eisdem per Dominum Regem pro feodo suo de anno huius compoti xliiii s · iiii d · obolus · et eisdem pro vastitate terrarum de Scaltok in dominio de Pety de duobus terminis huius compoti sub periculo compotancium iii li · vi s · viii d · et eisdem per decidenciam firmarum terre de Kyncorth pro parte assedata Archibaldo Brothy ad instanciam Domini Episcopi Rossensis ex consideracione auditorum ad presens de duobus terminis huius compoti xiii s · iiii d · et eisdem de firmis medie partis terrarum de Bonoch et Bannacher concesse Jonete Stewart sponse Lachlani M'Gillane per Dominum Regem sub magno sigillo suo pro vita dicte Jonete prout facta fuit fides super compotum de vltimo termino huius compoti v li · et eisdem per superfluam oneracionem firmarum ville de Drumdafurde prout facta fuit fides super compotum de anno compoti xx s · et eisdem propter vastitatem trium parcium ville de Ochtircloy in Avach sub periculo compotancium de primo termino huius compoti sub eodem periculo xlv s · et eisdem de firmis quarte partis terrarum de Drumchuddin in manibus Alexander Flemyng de Rossie ad instanciam Domine Comitisse Rossie remissis sibi per Regem testante Domino Niniano Sprot compotorum rotulatore remissionem super compotum de primo termino huius compoti xvi s · viii d · et eisdem propter vastitatem vnius bouate cum dimidia terrarum de Drumdafurde eciam de primo termino huius compoti xv s · et eisdem propter vastitatem vnius bouate terre de Wester Halfdavach eciam de primo termino huius compoti sub eodem periculo x s · et forestario de Avach de firmis croffte eiusdem eciam de primo termino huius compoti ii s · vi d · et cursori de Avach pro feodo suo cuiusdam croffte de primo termino huius compoti iii s · iiii d · et eisdem forestario et cursori de vltimo termino huius compoti v s · x d · et cuidam maro in croffta eiusdem de

duobus terminis huius compoti ii s · et allocate eisdem de quadam tenandria vocata Petfure et Killane spectante ad Dominum Andream Ross capellanum hereditarie et quam recuperauit et confirmacionem eiusdem a Domino Rege tempore quo idem Dominus Rex fuerat vltimo apud Innernys et que tenandria scripta fuerat in rentali dicte baronie de Avach de duobus terminis huius compoti xxvi s · viii d · et allocati eisdem pro tercia debita Jonete relicte quondam Andree Tarale de dicta tenandria de Petfure de dictis duobus terminis vi s · viii d · et eisdem per remissionem factam per Regem Domino Comiti Rossie de firmis terrarum de Mulcaich et Drumwerny de primo termino huius compoti testante Domino Niniano Spot compotorum rotulatore remissionem super compotum viii li · xiii s · iiii d · et allocate eisdem pro decidencia firmarum ville de Cragy in Strathnarne de duobus terminis huius compoti xvii s · ix d · obolus · et eisdem de firma molendini de Blakhillis remissa per Dominum Regem dicto Jacobo de Dunbarr de primo termino huius compoti ii s · ii d · obolus.

Summa huius expense i^{c}xiiii li · xix s · xi d · obolus. Et sic restant iiii^{c}lxxxvii li · v s · iii d · obolus. De quibus allocate eisdem per solucionem factam Domino Niniano Spot compotorum rotulatori ad expensas domicilii Domini Regis in denariis et denariatis ipso fatente receptum super compotum ii^{c}liiii li · xiii d · de quibus respondebit · et allocati eisdem pro duabus bollis brasii precium bolle sex solidi octo duodenis parapsidum et discorum lignеorum et sale pro emendacione lardanarie de Elgyn expositis apud Innernys et Elgyn tempore quo Dominus Rex fuit vltimo ibidem et non intratis in libris dietarum xxix s · et per liberacionem factam Domino Episcopo Morauiensi ad fabricam castri de Innernys ipso fatente receptum super compotum xx li · et allocate eisdem pro barilibus ad alleca videlicet viginti tribus et septem barilibus de Hamburgh pro dictis allecibus videlicet sexaginta tribus milibus assise piscacionis de Innernys et expensis factis super eisdem ac cariagio duodecim celdrarum et quinque bollarum et vnius ferlete firme de Ardmannoch in ordio et farina et locacione earundem et naulo locatarum in granario Domini Regis apud Innernys particulariter examinatis super compotum prout patet in quodam libello Alexandri Flemyng consta-

Respondebit compotorum rotulator.

Respondebit magister fabrice de Innernys.

billarii de Innernys relicto cum clerico registri iiii li · v s · solute eidem constabillario per compotantes et allocate eisdem pro reparacione domorum castri de Innernys in lignis tignis tabulis quercinis asseribus ferro feodis fabrorum carpentariorum latami tectura calce septem seris et aliis necessariis reparacionibus dicti castri factis per dictum constabillarium et solutis eidem per compotantes prout hec similiter patent in dicto libello remanente vt supra et particulariter examinatis super compotum vi li · xiii s · iiii d · et allocate eisdem pro octo martis que dicuntur rynmartis vicecomitatuum de Elgyn et de Fores solutis husbandis Domini Regis per compotantes precium marte quinque solidi xl s · et eisdem de duabus aliis martis tercie partis de Duffous spectantis Domino Regi eiusdem precii x s · et eisdem pro tresdecim martis dimidia marta et media quarte marte terrarum de Ardmannoch que sunt eiusdem precii et dicuntur le rynmartis solutis dictis husbandis per compotantes iii li · viii s · i d · obolus · de quibus quidem martis compotorum rotulator fatetur viginti contineri in libris dietarum et residue tres marte due quarte et media quarte remanent intrande per compotantes · et allocati eisdem pro viginti tribus multonibus duabus quartis et media quarte multonis qui dicuntur rynwethirris precium pecie duodecim denarii receptis a dictis husbandis predictorum vicecomitatuum et terrarum de Ardmannoch xxiii s · vii d · obolus · de quibus quidem multonibus asserunt compotantes sub eorum periculo contineri in libro dietarum decem et octo et sic tenentur in quinque multonibus et duabus quartis et media quarte multonis.

Several of the other heads of expense are interesting:—

Et allocati eisdem per solucionem factam Magistro Dauid Pety capellano capelle Beate Marie de Innernys percipienti annuatim de firmis terrarum de Culclachy infra dictum dominium de Strathnarne in complementum feodi sui de dicto termino Penthecostes anni eciam proximo dicti xi s · x d , obolus · et decidunt de firmis de Cragy infra dictum dominium de Strathnarne de termino Penthecostes anni proximo dicti sub periculo compotan-

cium v s · et eisdem per solucionem factam Willelmo Tawsoun burgensi de Innernys pro certis pellibus que dicuntur martrikkis emptis ab eodem ad vsum Domini Regis de mandato eiusdem Domini Regis literatorio sub signeto ipso Willelmo fatente per literas suas receptum super compotum v li · xviii s · et granitario seruanti frumentum Domini Regis apud Kinlos pro feodo suo de anno compoti sub periculo compotancium xl s · et pistori abbatis de Kynlos purganti et recipienti dictum frumentum pro feodo suo eciam de anno compoti v s · et pro translacione introitus dicti granarii et feodo carpentarii et expensis aliis factis circa eundem v s · et pro expensis Magistri Thome Carmichael vnius compotancium a festo Assumpcionis Beate Marie vsque ad festum Natiuitatis Christi ex consideracione auditorum ad presens xii li · et Thano de Caldor alteri compotancium pro feodo suo de anno compoti x li.

Summa huius expense xl li · xi s · iii d. Et sic restant iiii^{xx}x li · ii s · x d. De quibus pendent in manibus Celestini de Insulis vltra summam sibi per Dominum Regem concessam de baronia de Ettirdule xiii li · xiii s · iiii d · super quo consulendus est Rex de anno compoti. Summa huius pendencie patet. Et sic restant vnacum octo libris que debebant esse extracte pro tercia sponse dicti Domini Johannis Oggilby certorum capellanorum infra vicecomitatus de Elgyn et Fores in feodis eorum que integraliter soluebantur per Regem tercia non extracta iiii^{xx}iiii li · ix s · vi d · preter pendencias. De quibus allocati compotantibus pro expensis Domini Episcopi Moraniensis et Thani de Caldor in assedacione terrarum apud Innernys ad festum Penthecostes vltimum xxxvi s · iiii d. Et sic restant iiii^{xx}ii li · xiii s · ii d · quam summam soluerunt ad fabricam castri de Innernys magistro eiusdem ipso fatente receptum super compotum. Et sic eque. Pro quibus dictus magister fabrice respondebit.

Consulendus est Rex.

Pendent.

Eque.

Respondebit magister fabrice castri Innernys.

Their receipt of rents paid in kind begins thus:—

i expendenda.

ITEM iidem onerant se de octo herieldis que acciderunt in anno compoti infra camerariatum eorundem. Summa oneracionis patet. De quibus vnam martam cum corio compotant intrasse in libro dietarum ad extra ad expensas Domini Regis apud Innernys vltimo · et quatuor martas cum coriis compotant locasse in lardaria Domini Regis ibidem et remanent. Et sic restant inducende per compotantes tres marte de prefatis herieldis pro quibus respondebunt.

Et iiii remanent.

Respondebunt compotantes.

EXPENSE eorundem. In primis allocate compotantibus pro parte expensarum factarum in assedacione terrarum Morauie apud Elgyn et Innernys per reverendum in Christo patrem Episcopum Morauiensem Dominum Glamnys Thanum de Caldor et Magistrum Thomam de Carmichael per quindenam iii bolle frumenti · et per liberacionem factam Domino Niniano Spot compotorum rotulatori fatente receptum super compotum et intrate in libris dietarum ad extra ad expensas Domini Regis factas vltimo apud Innernys Spyny et Elgyn iii celdre frumenti pro quibus respondebit · et eisdem per commutacionem trium celdrarum nouem bollarum vnius ferlote et vnius pecce frumenti in tantundem brasii ex consideracione consilii Domini Regis propter paupertatem colonorum non habencium ad soluendum in frumento · et intrate similiter in libris dietarum ad extra ad expensas Domini Regis factas vltimo apud Spyny et Elgyn pro quibus dictus compotorum rotulator respondebit iii celdre ix bolle i ferlota i pecca.

Respondebit Spot compotorum rotulator.

Respondebit Spot compotorum rotulator.

EXPENSE eorundem in brasio. In primis allocati compotantibus pro expensis factis apud Elgyn et Innernys per predictos assedatores in assedacione terrarum Morauie per quindenam x bolle brasii anno etc. quinquagesimo septimo · et allocate eisdem ad expensas Domini Regis factas apud Innernys Spyny et Elgyn dum vltimo fuerat ibidem et intrate in libris dietarum ad extra x celdre ii bolle ii ferlote brasii pro quibus Dominus Ninianus Spot compotorum rotulator respondebit.

Respondebit Spot compotorum rotulator.

Expense eorundem in farina. In primis allocate compotantibus pro expensis factis per assedatores supradictos apud Elgyn in assedacione terrarum Morauie per dictum tempus viii bolle farine · et eisdem pro expensis Regis apud Innernys Spyny et Elgyn dum vltimo ibidem fuerat et intrate in libris dietarum ad extra iiii celdre xii bolle farine de quibus dictus compotorum rotulator respondebit · et eisdem pro custodia martarum Domini Regis viuarum et mortuarum de anno compoti sub periculo compotancium iiii bolle farine.

Respondebit Spot rotulator.

Expense eorundem in auenis. In primis allocate eisdem pro expensis equorum Domini nostri Regis factis apud Innernys et Elgyn intrate in libris dietarum ad extra de vltimo anno huius compoti sub periculo compotancium pro quibus dictus compotorum rotulator respondebit vi celdre xi bolle ii ferlote auenarum.

Respondebit Spot compotorum rotulator.

Summa expensarum auenarum patet. Et eque quod ad auenas.

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Et Thome Oggilby pro custodia castri de Tarnway de mandato Domini Regis sub priuato sub periculo compotantis liii li · vi s · viii d · et Elisabeth de Dunbarr sponse quondam Archibaldi Douglas de mandato Domini Regis sub signeto Domino Johanne Oggilby per literas suas ex parte ipsius fatente receptum de primo termino huius compoti x li.

Summa huius expense iii^{c}xx li · viii s · iii d · obolus. Et sic restant iiii^{c}xxxv li · xix s · v d · obolus. De quibus allocate compotanti de firmis terrarum de Knok et Aytenach que de mandato Domini Regis erant proclamate vaste pro venacionibus de anno compoti x li · et eidem de firmis terrarum de Blakhillis occupatarum per Jacobum de Dunbarr pro quo debitor extiterat Johannes de Dunbarr cui remissum est per Dominum regem de anno compoti iii li · vi s · viii d · et eidem per vastitatem cuiusdam partis terrarum de Clakmarras Dominum Regem contingentis de anno compoti xxxiiii s · xxii d · et eidem per vastitatem cuiusdam partis terrarum de Thornhillis Dominum Regem contingentis de anno compoti viii s · et eidem

per decidenciam firmarum de Balnageith eo quod due marce ponebantur in rentali eiusdem ville amplius quam alias soluere consueuerat de anno compoti xxvi s · viii d · et eidem de firmis terrarum de Litil Tary inhabitatarum per forestarios de Tarnway concessis eisdem per Dominum Regem pro feodis suis de anno compoti xliiii s · iiii d · obolus.

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Et eidem pro octo martis que dicuntur rynmartis vicecomitatuum de Elgyn et Fores solutis husbandis Domini Regis per compotantem precium marte quinque solidi et locatis in lardaria de Elgyn sub periculo compotantis xl s · et eidem pro tresdecim martis dimidia marta et media quarte marte que sunt de Ardmannoch eiusdem precii et [que] dicuntur rynmartis solutis dictis husbandis vt supra iii li · viii s · i d · obolus et locatis in dicta lardaria de Elgyn sub eodem periculo et remanent pro quibus Magister Dauid respondebit · et eidem pro viginti tribus multonibus duabus quartis et media quarta multonis qui dicuntur rynwethiris precium pecie duodecim denarii receptis eciam ab husbandis predictorum vicecomitatuum de Elgyn et Fores et terrarum de Ardmannoch xvii s · vii d · obolus · et eidem per solucionem factam Johanni Sklatar pro tegulis et tectura aule de Tarnway vltra viginti libras datas dicto tectori per quondam comitem Morauie vltimo defunctum in plenam solucionem centum marcarum per eundem comitem sibi pro eadem tectura promissarum ipso tectori per literas suas fatente receptum super compotum xlvi li · xiii s · iiii d · et eidem tectori pro calce clauis ferreis et expensis suis et seruiencium sibi tempore dicte tecture et feodis dictorum seruiencium ipso tectore fatente per huiusmodi literas receptum super compotum xx li · et eidem pro applicacione magnorum lignorum et firmacione eorundem cum magnis clauis ferreis ad copulas dicte aule pro conseruacione tegularum ad vtrumque gabulum eiusdem sub periculo compotantis xl s · et Alexandro Flemyng custodi castri de Innernys pro fabrica et reparacione domorum in dicto castro et clausura circa muros eiusdem de mandato Domini Regis sub signeto de precepto ipso fatente per literas suas receptum super compotum xviii li · ix s · et Magistro Ricardo Forbes tunc compotorum rotulatori ad expensas domicilii Domini Regis vt patet per literam suam sub signeto et subscripcione manuali ostensam super compo-

tum l li · et allocati eidem pro emendacione et reformacione carceris in castro de Elgyn et vna sera pro clausura eiusdem x s.

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Et Willelmo Coule carpentario pro reparacionibus copularum aule de Ternway et coquine eiusdem ac fabrica gradus lignei pro eadem aula sub periculo compotantis iii li · et eidem pro sex celdris auenarum receptis per Thomam Wardrop ab husbandis de Pety ac palleis pro equis Domini Regis tempore quo primo stetit apud Innernis sub testimonio thani de Caldore et Alexandri Flemyng qui Alexander ut asseruit compotans fideiussor extiterat sub periculo compotantis de anno compoti xii li · et eidem pro viginti bollis auenarum emptis per compotantem ab Alexandro Fraser et liberatis dicto Thome Wardrop ad prefatos equos Domini Regis vnacum palea de eodem anno iii li · et Alexandro Flemyng pro custodia castri de Innernys pro septem celdris salis albi emendis pro Domino Rege et locandis apud Innernis sub eodem periculo xii li · et dicto Alexandro Flemyng pro obstructione murorum aule et camere castri de Innernys cum luto sub eodem periculo xl s · et eidem pro fabrica coquine pro Domino Rege in manso de Duffous infra collegium cathedrale ecclesie de Elgin sub eodem periculo xl s · et allocate eidem pro piscibus que dicuntur stokfisch et tribus bollis pisarum emptis per compotantem ad expensas domicilii Domini Regis et combustis in manso compotantis tempore residencie sue extra regnum Domino Rege residente in dicto manso de Dufhous iiii li · xv s · et eidem pro vna celdra et vna bolla salis albi de granario emptis per compotantem a Johanne de Camera de Elgyn pro lardaria Domini Regis facta in dicto manso de Dufhous de anno compoti sub eodem periculo iii li · viii s · et eidem pro viginti bollis salis albi emptis per compotantem a Magistro Ricardo Forbes ad eandem lardariam precium bolle quatuor solidi sub eodem periculo iiii li · et eidem pro septem martis emptis per compotantem a collonis de Ardmanach cum coriis ad eandem lardariam cum cariagio et sumptibus minantium et locatis vt asserit compotans in dicta lardaria v li · iii s · iiii d · de quibus martis et sexaginta martis cum coriis receptis a Macolmo Makintosche octo rynmartis cum coriis vicecomitatuum de Elgin et Fores tresdecim eciam rynmartis cum coreis idem compotans respondebit et de quibus martis cum coriis Dominus Ninianus Spot compotorum rotulator fatetur contineri in libris

Respondebit rotulator Spot de lxxx martis.

Respondebit compotans de octo martis.

dietarum et extra ad expensas domicilii Domini Regis factas vltimo apud Innernis et absque precio lxxx marte de quibus martis idem compotorum rotulator respondebit et compotans de octo martis non receptis in dictam lardariam · et eidem pro custodia et expensis circa martas receptas a Macolmo Makintosche diuersis vicibus ac cariagio triginta trium barillium salmonum de Hamburgh ab aqua de Spey vsque Lossy et feodo crwparii pro eisdem sub eodem periculo xviii s · et eidem pro firma duorum cellariorum in Innernis bina vice pro conseruacione salis et auenarum pro Domino Rege sub eodem periculo soluta Hugoni Ostelare xxiii s · iiii d · et diuersis cursoribus Domini Regis cum literis Domini Regis transeuntibus et missis hinc inde diuersis vicibus de anno compoti vi s · et eidem de firmis terrarum de duabus Bronchalis assedatarum Johanni de Dunbarr et per eum Thome Hay de anno compoti remissis per Regem dicto Johanni prout facta fuit fides super compotum de anno compoti iii li · iii s · iiii d · et eidem de firmis terrarum de Schefyn in Stratheren de anno compoti quia vaste vi li · xiii s · iiii d · et eidem per solucionem factam Domino Andree Clerc capellano Alexandri tunc temporis compotorum rotulatoris transmisso in illis partibus pro multonibus emendis sub eodem periculo xx s · et eidem pro potacionibus datis ad carpentarios et alios artifices diuersis vicibus vi s.

Summa huius expense i^{c}i li · iii s.

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De quibus allocati compotanti pro amphoris pipis ciphis et aliis vasis ligneis emptis per eum ad vsus Domini Regis et repositis in mansione sua pro Domino Rege et combustis ibidem tempore quo Dominus Rex fuerat vltimo apud Elgyn sub periculo compotantis xl s. Summa huius expense patet. Et sic restant vnacum ducentis viginti nouem libris liberatis compotanti in remissionibus ducentarum viginti et nouem personarum per dominum Cancellarium tempore primi itineris iusticiarie tenti apud Innernys et Elgyn Domino Rege presente iii^{c}lxxxv li · xi s · vii d · obolus. De quibus allocate compotanti de remissionibus centum quadraginta et nouem personarum liberatis compotanti per dominum Cancellarium et restitutis dicto domino Cancellario de quibus nichil fuit perceptum et per ipsum dominum Cancellarium transmissis Alexandro de Dunbarr vicecomiti de Elgyn et Fores pro

leuacione pecunie earundem i°xlix li · et eidem pro quadraginta remissionibus Malcolmi M'Kyntoschey et suorum in sexaginta martis receptis ab eodem per compotantem et liberatis Magistro Ricardo Forbes pro lardaria Domini Regis facta in manso suo apud Elgyn preter tres martas superius expressatas in responsione compotantis xl li · et allocate eidem de remissionibus Jacobi Dunbarr fratris Johannis Dunbarr Johannis Strang Laurencii Smyth de Fores Johannis Kersman Alexandri Feemaistir piscatoris Roberti Innes de eodem cum octo aliis pro capcione filii quondam Alexandri Coupland iudicati ad mortem apud Banff in primo itinere tento ibidem per Dominum Regem Johannis Brothy cum tribus aliis ad instanciam Domini Episcopi Rossensis Willelmi Crukschank et Johannis Fordoun cum septem aliis personis ad instanciam Johannis Dunbarr pro quibus quondam Alexander Dunbarr maior frater dicti Johannis obligatus extiterat post mortem quondam dicti Alexandri remissis per Dominum Regem sub periculo compotantis xxvii li · et allocate eidem per solucionem factam compotorum rotulatori per Thanum Caldor de eisdem remissionibus xx li · et eidem pro quodam equo recepto a Malcolmo M'Kyntoschey in partem solucionis dictarum remissionum et liberato Magistro Thome Carmichael et per eum in vno alio equo equiualente Domino Regi iiii li.

Respondebit de ix li · computator xix s · vii d. (vid. infra.)

Summa huius expense ii°xxix li · que equiualent oneri remissionum deliberatarum compotanti per Cancellarium supradictum. Et sic restant i°lxvi li · xis · viid · obolus. De quibus allocate compotanti per solucionem factam Magistro Ricardo Forbes tunc compotorum rotulatori fatenti receptum per literas suas sub signeto et subscripcione manuali alias ostensas super compotum et de quibus reddidit compotum de anno compoti l li · et Thano de Caldor pro deieccione castri de Lochindorb de mandato Domini Regis testantibus Domino Episcopo Morauiensi et thesaurario mandatum ipso Thano fatente receptum super compotum de anno compoti xxiiii li · et eidem per solucionem factam predicto compotorum rotulatori per eundem Thanum ex parte compotantis fatentis receptum super compotum de anno compoti xix s · vii d · de quibus respondebit. (vid. supra.)

Summa huius expense lxxiiii li · xix s · vii d. Et sic restant lxxxi li · xii s · obolus. De quibus pendent in manibus Celestini de Insulis vltra summam sibi per Dominum Regem concessam de firmis baronie de Eddirdule de anno compoti xiii li · xiii s · iiii d · super quo consulendus est Rex. Summa pendencie patet. Et sic restant lxxiii li · xviii s · viii d · obolus · et compotanti pro expensis suis consideratis et feodo suo de anno compoti xiii li · vi s · viii d.

Pendent.

Consulendus est Rex.

Restant.

Summa huius expense patet. Et sic restant de dictis firmis lxiiii li . xii s · obolus. De quibus allocate eidem per solucionem factam Elisabeth quondam comitisse Morauie de mandato Domini Regis ut patet per literas suas de precepto et Domini Johannis Oggilby receptoris dicte Elisabeth de recepto ostensas super compotum de termino Beati Martini infra hoc compotum xxvi li · xiii s · iiii d.

The Thane of Cawdor was evidently a prosperous gentleman. He purchased from John Ros of Auchlossin his whole lands on both sides of the river, as well within the burgh of Nairn as without. (Charter dated at Aberdeen 12th November 1457. The Seal gives two water budgets in chief and the circumscription S. IOHIS LE ROS DE ACHLOSSIN.)

The Thanes had long drawn an annual rent of six merks from the lands of Belmakeith, perhaps connected with their office of Constable of the Castle of Nairn. The Thane now acquired these lands in property. The Superior's Precept of Seisin is preserved, and the seal of Fleming, his bailie, remains entire.

Johannes de Ile comes Rossie ac dominus Insularum dilecto nostro Willelmo Flemyng burgensi de Narn balliuo nostro in hac parte salutem. Quia concessimus per cartam nostram dilecto nostro Willelmo Thano de Caldor omnes et singulas terras nostras de Balmakayth jacentes in vicecomitatu nostro de Narn ut tenore carte nostre inde sibi confecte plenius continetur vobis precipimus et mandamus quatinus prefato Willelmo vel suo certo actornato latori presentium saisinam et statum hereditarium per terram et lapidem visis presentibus tribuatis indilate. Saluo jure cujus-

libet ut est moris. Ad quod faciendum vobis in hac parte nostram plenariam committimus potestatem et mandatum speciale ac in signum saisine per vos tradite sigillum vestrum in secunda cauda post nostrum penes predictum Willelmum pro perpetuo remansurum apponatis. Datum sub sigillo nostro apud castrum nostrum de Dingvale decimo nono die mensis Julii anno domini millesimo quadringentesimo quinquagesimo octavo.

Attached to the residence of the Thanes at Old Cawdor was a Chapel dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, and the Chaplain of Cawdor or "the Thane's Chaplain," appears as a witness in early documents. When the new Castle was built, a Chapel was included in it, and perhaps a new Endowment was given, but we know nothing of it save by the following collation by the Diocesan. The person to give investiture is the Vicar of Evane, now Cawdor, one of the common churches of the Cathedral; the lands out of which the eight marks of stipend are to be drawn, are Echterevane and Auchindoun. The Castle Chapel is said to have stood on the south side of the tower. An ancient bell of hammered iron clasped with nails, and perhaps formerly bronzed over, is still preserved at Cawdor, and seems to be the only relic of the old Castle Chapel. It is thirteen inches high, including the handle.



Collatio episcopi Davidis capellanie capelle de Caldor pro domino Waltero de Tarbett.

David dei et apostolice sedis gratia episcopus Morauiensis discreto viro domino Archibaldo vicario de Evane salutem cum benedictione divina. Quia capellaniam perpetuam octo marcarum capelle beate Marie virginis castri de Caldor per nobilem virum Willelmum de Caldor de eodem militem de terris de Ectherevane et Achyndoynn de novo fundatam ad ejusque presentacionem nostramque collacionem de iure spectantem una cum toffto et croffto eodem juxta tenorem carte fundacionis limitato discreto viro domino Valtero de Tarbate presbitero latori presentium caritatis intuitu contulimus et conferimus per presentes ipsumque per annuli nostri traditionem induximus et inuestiuimus presencialiter de eadem curam et administrationem ejusdem in spiritualibus et temporalibus sibi specialiter committendo. Vobis igitur in virtute sancte obedientie tenore presentium committimus et mandamus quatinus prefatum Dominum Valterum vel procuratorem suum ejus nomine in et ad realem actualem et corporalem possessionem dicte capellanie castri de Caldor juriumque et pertinenciarum communium ejusdem inducatis et instituatis inductumque et institutum canonice nostra auctoritate defendatis faciatisque sibi vel dicto suo procuratori de fructibus redditibus prouentibus juribus et obuencionibus universis unacum toffto et croffto ejusdem integre responderi contradictores et rebelles si qui forte fuerint per censuram ecclesiasticam arcius compescendo. In signum vero hujusmodi institutionis vestre traditeque eidem per vos possessionis sigillum vestrum si proprium habeatis alioquin autenticum procuratum in secunda cauda post nostrum presentibus penes dictum institutum perpetuo remansuris appendatis. Datum sub sigillo nostro rotundo apud Elgyn quinto die mensis Junii anno domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo septimo, et nostre censecrationis quarto.

In the same year with the induction of Sir Walter of Tarbett in the chapelry of the Castle, his patron, William Thane of Cawdor, died.

The following precept of seisin may be taken to indicate the date of the marriage of William, the Thane's son and heir apparent, with Mariot of Suthirland.

Johannes de Ile comes Rossie ac dominus Insularum dilecto nostro Johanni de Munro de Foulis balliuo nostro in hac parte salutem. Quia concessimus per cartam nostram dilectis nostris Mariote de Suthirlande et Willelmo de Caldor filio seu eorum alteri diucius viuenti et eorum heredibus inter se de corporibus suis procreandis omnes et singulas terras nostras de Estirkyndes cum pertinenciis iacentes in comitatu nostro infra vicecomitatum de Inuernys ut tenore carte nostre inde eis confecte plenius continetur Vobis precipimus et mandamus quatinus prefate Mariote et Willelmo de Caldor vel suis certis procuratoribus latoribus presentium saisinam dictarum terrarum de Estir Kyndes per terram et lapidem visis presentibus tributatis indilate saluo jure cuiuslibet ut est moris. Ad quod faciendum vobis in hac parte nostram plenariam committimus potestatem et mandatum speciale et in signum saisine per vos tradite sigillum vestrum in secunda cauda post nostrum apponatis penes predictos imperpetuum remansurum. Datum sub sigillo nostro apud castrum nostrum de Dingvale vicesimo primo die mensis Septembris anno domini millesimo quadringentesimo quinquagesimo octauo.

Another charter of the Earl of Ross is the last writ of the first Thane William's time. The lands were part of the dower of Mariot of Sutherland.

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris vel audituris Johannes de Yle comes Rossie et dominus Insularum eternam in Domino salutem. Sciatis nos proprio motu nostro ac consensu assensu et matura deliberacione consilii nostri propter intimam dilectionem quam habemus erga predilectum armigerum nostrum Willelmum iuuenem de Caldor filium et apparentem heredem Willelmi Thani de Caldor et Mariotam de Suthirland consanguineam nostram caram sponsam priusdicti Willelmi dedisse et concessisse et hac

presenti carta nostra confirmasse prefatis Willelmo iuueni de Caldor et Mariote de Suthirlande omnes et singulas terras nostras de Innermerky cum pertinenciis jacentes in dominio de Badyenach infra vicecomitatum de Inuernys. Tenendas et habendas totas et integras prenominatas terras de Innermarky cum pertinenciis suis uniuersis prefatis Willelmo et Mariote sponse sue et eorum heredibus inter se procreatis seu procreandis de nobis et heredibus nostris et successoribus comitibus Rossie in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum per omnes rectas metas suas antiquas et diuisas . . . Reddendo inde annuatim predicti Willelmus de Caldor Mariota sponsa sua et eorum heredes inter se procreati et procreandi unum par serothecarum super solum dictarum terrarum de Innermarky nomine albe firme si petatur tantum . . . Et nos vero prefatus Johannes comes Rossie . . . prefatas terras de Innermarky prefatis Willelmo et Mariote . . . contra omnes mortales homines warantizabimus . . . In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus appendi fecimus apud castrum nostrum de Dingvale vi die Novembris A.D. millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo septimo. Testibus Celestino de Insulis de Lochailch · Lachlanno M'Gilleoin de Douarde · Lachlanno iuuene M'Gilleoin senescallo domus nostre · Johanne de Monro de Foulis · Thoma de Dingvale subdecano Rossensi camerario nostro · Lachlanno M'Fymvyn de Myschenys et Ewgenio Donaldi Lachlanni M'Gilleoin cum diuersis aliis in testimonium vocatis.

WILLIAM THANE OF CAWDOR, 1468-92.

Thane William was succeeded by his son of the same name. The compilers of the family histories say that before his father's death, he went in company with the Earl of Douglas to the Jubilee at Rome, (1450,) and they add, that "a brother of this Thane was the gentleman of the name of Calder that founded the family de la Campana, in Thoulouse." Bishop Leslie seems to have been acquainted with the Toulouse family who claimed descent from the Northern Thanes, but he attributes its origin to a scion of our Thanes, one of the Scotch adventurers who went to fight for Charles VII. of France against the English, and whom the French King rewarded with lands in Languedoc; *E quibus est illa illustris admodum Caldelli de la campana familia Tholosæ, etiamnum hodie florens, quæ a Caldello Thano, barone et in Septentrionali Scotia equite, ortum habuit.* (*Lesl. Hist. ad an.* 1452.)

This Thane was a man of affairs, like his father, and has left proofs of his attention to business, as well as of his having possessed the accomplishment of writing, in titles and notes indorsed upon many of his family papers.

The following precept by the Earl of Ross and Lord of the Isles, recording the death of his gossip and cousin the preceding Thane, and the succession of his son, to which the seals of the granter and his bailie are still appended, is marked by the new Thane in his own fair hand:—

A Letter of My Sesing of Caudor.

Johannes de Yla comes Rossie et dominus insularum dilectis nostris consanguineis Domino Thome de Dyngvale subdecano ac camerario nostro Rossensi necnon et Willelmo Flemyng burgensi de Narne coniunctim et diuisim balliuis nostris in hac parte salutem. Et quia concepimus per mortem

nostri compatris et consanguinei Willelmi Thani de Caldor bone memorie quod Willelmus de Caldor lator presentium est verus legitimus et propinquior heres dicti Willelmi quondam patris sui de omnibus et singulis terris cum pertinenciis quas dictus Willelmus pater suus tempore suo infra vicecomitatum de Narne possidebat unacum officio dicti vicecomitatus · Et quod dictus Willelmus est legitime etatis · Et quod dicte terre cum pertinenciis unacum dicto vicecomitatu de nobis tenentur in capite · Vobis igitur precipimus necnon et precipiendo mandamus coniunctim et diuisim quatinus visis presentibus sine quacunque dilacione saisinam et statum hereditarium dicti vicecomitatus et dictarum terrarum cum pertinenciis infra dictum vicecomitatum iacentium prefato Willelmo saluo iure cuiuslibet ut moris est attribuatis. Et in signum saisine taliter per vos vel aliquem vestrum sibi uel eius certo attornato tradite sigilla vestrum seu unius vestrum in secundis caudis seu cauda post nostrum presentibus appendatis. In cuius nostri precepti testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum apud Killewnane in Kyntyr vicesimo septimo die mensis Marcii anno domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo octauo.

Of the same date the Thane had a precept for investing him in the "Two Kinkellis," held of the same Overlord; and the following entry in the Exchequer Rolls of the account of "Hugh Ros, Baron of Kilrawag," the King's chamberlain for the barony of Leffaris, and for Bonnoch, Banquhry, Petty and Brauchly, Stratherne, as well as Ardmanach, rendered at Edinburgh on 3d August 1469, marks his succession to another of his ancient heritages.

Item idem onerat se de · x li · de firmis terrarum de Dunmakglas existentium in manibus Regis per spacium vnius anni saisina non recuperata de eisdem. Et de · ij · d · argenti de duplicatione albefirme per saisinam datam per computantem Jacobum Stewart et Willelmum Flemyng vicecomitem de Inuernes in hac parte Willelmo thano de Caldor vicesimo Februarij infra hoc computum.

A new acquisition of this Thane was the Mill of Nairn, obtained probably by purchase. The ancient Hospital of St. Nicholas at the Bridge of Spey had an annual rent out of this Mill, the property of the Crown, as early as the reign of Alexander II. (*Regist. Morav.* 110,) and now the Master of the Hospital seems to have the whole right.

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris vel audituris Andreas de Lesli magister hospitalis pontis de Spey Morauiensis diocesis salutem in domino sempiternam. Noueritis me de puris liberis et expressis consensu et assensu Reuerendi in Christo patris ac domini Domini Dauidis dei et apostolice sedis gratia episcopi Morauiensis et capituli eiusdem propter infrascriptum negocium capitulariter congregati necnon magnifici et potentis domini Domini Georgii comitis de Rothes dictique hospitalis veri patroni, utilitate eiusdem preuisa prius undique et perpensa dedisse concessisse et ad feodam firmam dimisisse necnon presenti carta mea confirmasse prouido honorabilique viro Willelmo de Caldor de eodem molendinum de Narn cum tofto et pertinenciis dicto hospitali pertinentibus situatum prope villam de Narn infra vicecomitatum eiusdem. Tenendum et habendum dictum molendinum cum tofto et pertinenciis prefato Willelmo heredibus suis et assignatis de me et successoribus meis dicti hospitalis magistris qui pro tempore fuerint in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum per omnes rectas metas · · · Reddendo inde dictus Willelmus heredes sui et assignati mihi et successoribus meis magistris dicti hospitalis qui pro tempore fuerint singulis annis quadraginta solidos usualis monete Scocie ad duos anni terminos per equales portiones · · · In cuius rei testimonium presentem cartam meam sigilli mei unacum sigillorum dominorum Episcopi Capituli et Comitis predictorum appensionibus necnon dicti capituli canonicorum subscriptionibus feci communiri apud Elgyn decimo die mensis junii anno domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo primo.

Et ego Willelmus Vyncestre thesaurarius Morauiensis consentio et subscribo. Et ego Johannes Wyncestir subdecanus Morauiensis manu propria subscribo. Et ego Alexander Stewart succentor Morauiensis manu propria subscribo. Et ego Finlaus Bel prebendarius de Croy consentio et subscribo.

Et ego Thomas de Sancto Claro prebendarius de Aberlor consentio et subscribo. Et ego Johannes Caldor prebendarius de Detholl manu propria consentio et subscribo. Et ego Malizeus Allan canonicus Sancti Egidii consentio et subscribo.

The following procuratory of resignation by the richly dowered wife of the Thane, without any purpose expressed, may have been a mere step of conveyancing in the family titles, but it is to be observed that the lands resigned do not again appear in the investitures.

In dei nomine amen. . . . Anno ab incarnacione domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo secundo mensis vero Octobris die penultimo in Reverendi in Christo patris Dauid dei et apostolice sedis gratia Episcopi Morauiensis presencia nobilis mulier Mariota de Sudirlande sponsa Willelmi de Caldor de eodem ordinauit suum verum legitimum et indubitatum procuratorem Magistrum Alexandrum archidiaconum cathenensem ad resignandum pureque simpliciter ac per fustem et baculum dimittendum pro ea et eius nomine omnes et singulas terras meas de Tanach Blensary Forsy et de Bycht Glausacht cum pertinenciis et octo d· valorem in villa de Murkill et novem d· valorem in villa de Thursacht et vj d· valorem in villa de Laythrynkirk et duorum d· valorem de villa de Blaneskirk cum pertinenciis et omnes et singulas terras de Schan vaile et de Cambustum cum pertinenciis jacentes in comitatu de Cathania et infra vicecomitatum de Inuernys prout in earundem carta super eisdem confecta plenius et locupletius continetur in manibus nobilis et potentis domini Willelmi Comitis Cathanie easque terras prenotatas cum pertinenciis ut moris est sursum reddendum secundum tenores cartarum dictarum terrarum desuper confectarum. Acta erant hec apud Caldor undecima hora ante merediem uel eo circa sub anno mense die indictione et pontificatu quibus supra presentibus ibidem venerabilibus providis et discretis viris Thoma Grant officiali Morauiensi Johanne Caldor canonico ecclesie Morauiensis presente prebendarioque de

Duthall in eodem magistris Jacobo Douglas Jacobo Stewarte de Blakhill, Roberto Stewart, Johanne Stewarte, Roberto Dowglace, Henrico Rynde armigeris et domino David Andrea, vicario perpetuo de Dik, cum diversis aliis ad premissa vocatis specialiter et rogatis.

The forfeiture of John of the Isles in 1475, and the subsequent arrangement for the partial restoration of his estates, left the Thanes of Cawdor henceforth vassals only of the Crown. The act of submission is recorded in duplicate instruments, differing in one having, while the other wants, the words of the Thane craving remission of past crimes, and the King's Lieutenant receiving the homage as tendered. Whether that passage indicates that the Thane had supported the turbulent Earl in some of his treasonable practices, or merely proves his cautious disposition, it is impossible now to determine. Both instruments are alike docketed by the Thane in his own hand.

" Instrumentum pro homagio meo supremo domino Regi."

In dei nomine amen. Per hoc presens publicum instrumentum cunctis pateat euidenter quod anno ab incarnacione domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo quinto mensis vero Januarii die decimo tercio indictione nona pontificatus Sanctissimi in Christo patris et domini nostri domini Sixti divina providencia pape quarti anno quinto in mei notarii publici et testium subscriptorum precencia coram magnifico et potente domino Georgio Comite de Huntlie domino le Gordon et de Badyenache ac locumtenente personaliter comparuit nobilis vir Willelmus de Caldor de eodem thanus offerens se supremo domino nostro Regi et dicto domino locumtenenti eius nomine ante terminum sibi et aliis limitatum et assignatum post publicam proclamacionem apud crucem in foro burgi de Inuernes factam secundum formam et tenorem supremi domini nostri Regis instructionem—ac promptumque paratum se optulit in omnibus mandatis et seruiciis Regis semper firmiter obedire et seruare et pro omnibus terris suis et officio vicecomitatus de Narne cum pertinentiis sibi jure hereditario pertinentibus alias de Johanne

quondam comite de Ros tentis supremo domino nostro regi facere ea que de jure tenetur offerens se et suum homagium dicto domino locumtenenti nomine supremi domini nostri Regis et de dictis terris suis et officio predicto cum pertinenciis nomine quo supra de nouo petiit infeodari *et preteritorum criminum remissionem sibi petiit dari. Dictus dominus locumtenens predictum Willelmum gratanter nomine regio recepit.* Super quibus omnibus et singulis predictus Willelmus thanus a me notario publico infrascripto sibi fieri petiit publicum et publica instrumentum et instrumenta. Acta erant hec apud burgum de Inuernes hora quasi decima ante merediem uel eocirca anno mense die indictione et pontificatu quibus supra presentibus nobilibus viris Alexandro Gordoune de Megmar, Thoma Cummyn de Alter, Hugone Rose de Kylrawak, Alexandro Mowate de Balquholy, Duncano Forbes de Foulis, Alexandro Strathauchin de Leddyntusch, et Dauid Ogiluy de Tolmad, cum multis aliis testibus ad premissa vocatis pariterque rogatis.

Et ego Johannes Kemlok presbiter Brechinensis, &c.

The necessary steps were now taken for restoring the Thane's lands and offices to their original tenure, as held immediately of the Crown. On 1st May 1476, his spouse, Mariota of Sutherland, granted a procuratory to her brother Alexander of Sutherland, Archdeacon of Caithness, for resigning in the King's hands her lands of Mulquhaich and Drumourny, Kindeis and Invermarkey, held formerly of John lately Earl of Ross, which deed is found indorsed according to the Thane's usual practice—"My wyffis letter of procuratory til mak resignacion of hyr landis in the Kingis handis."

On 28th May 1476, at Holyrood, William Thane of Cawdor in person, and Master Alexander Sutherland as procurator for Mariot his wife, resigned all their lands in the King's hands.

The King's charter under the Great Seal, followed. It is too long and verbose to give entire.

Jacobus dei gracia Rex Scotorum Omnibus probis hominibus tocius terre sue. · · · Sciatis nos dedisse. · · · dilecto et fideli nostro Willelmo Thano de Caldor totas et integras terras thanagii de Caldor cum

pertinenciis ac terras baroniarum de Clunes et de Boith cum earundem pertinenciis necnon terras de Balmakaith ac dimidietatem ville de Rate cum pertinenciis jacentes infra vicecomitatum nostrum de Narne ac etiam terras de Moye cum pertinenciis jacentes infra vicecomitatum nostrum de Fores et terras de Dowmakglas terras de duabus Kinkellis Kindeis et Invermarky Mulquhaich et Drumwourny jacentes infra vicecomitatum de Inuernes. Que terre predicte jacentes infra vicecomitatum nostrum de Narne et terre de duabus Kinkellis Kindeis et Invermarky cum pertinenciis jacentes infra vicecomitatum de Inuernes fuerunt prius detente de Johanne olim Comite Rossie, et nunc superioritas earundem per forisfacturam dicti Johannis ad nos et coronam nostram regiam legitime deuenit, et dicte terre de Moye jacentes infra vicecomitatum de Fores et terre de Dowmakglas Mulquhaich et Drumwourny cum pertinenciis jacentes infra vicecomitatum nostrum de Inuernes de nobis et predecessoribus nostris detente extiterunt. Quequidem terre predicte thanagii de Caldor ac baroniarum de Clunes et Boith et terre de Balmakaith dimidietatis de Rate Moye Dowmakglas et de duabus Kinkellis cum pertinenciis fuerunt dicti Willelmi hereditarie et dicte terre de Mulquhaich Drumwourny Kindeis et Invermarky cum pertinenciis fuerunt eiusdem Willelmi et Mariote sponse sue hereditarie . . . Quas omnes et singulas terras predictas thanagii et baroniarum cum ceteris terris antedictis in unum et integrum thanagium libertates et preuilegia baronie habens ac perpetuis futuris temporibus Thanagium de Caldor nuncupandum annexuimus uniuimus et incorporauimus . . . Tenendas et habendas omnes et singulas predictas terras . . . dicto Willelmo et heredibus suis de nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris Regibus Scocie in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum per omnes rectas metas suas antiquas . . . cum furca et fossa sok sak toll teme infangtheife outfangtheife . . . Reddendo inde dictus Willelmus et heredes sui nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris Regibus Scocie wardam reliuium et maritagium dictarum terrarum cum contigerint et faciendo annuatim seruicia debita et consueta earundem. Insuper pro singulari fauore quem gerimus erga dictum Willelmum mutauimus et alterauimus . . . sectas dictarum terrarum de Dowmakglas duabus Kinkellis Mulquhaich Drumwourny Kindeis et Invermarky infra vicecomitatum de Inuernes a redditione dictarum

sectarum in curiis vicecomitis de Inuernes retroactis temporibus factarum necnon sectas dictarum terrarum de Moye a redditione sectarum earundem in curiis vicecomitis de Fores . . . pro consimilibus seruicio et secta . . . fiendis et reddendis in curiis vicecomitis de Narne cum cetera juris administracione de dictis terris usitanda et obseruanda per justiciarium camerarium et vicecomitem nostros . . . In cuius rei testimonium presenti carte nostre magnum sigillum nostrum apponi precepimus testibus Reuerendis in Christo patribus Johanne episcopo Glasguensi Willelmo episcopo Orchadensi nostri secreti sigilli custode dilectis consanguineis nostris Andrea Domino Avandale cancellario nostro Colino Comite de Ergile domino Campbell et Lorne Magistro hospicii nostri Dauid Comite Crawfurdie domino Lindesaye Jacobo Domino Hammyltoun magistro Willelmo Scheues Archidiacono Sancti Andree et Johanne de Culquhone de eodem milite. Apud Edinburgh vicesimo nono die mensis Maii anno domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo sexto et regni nostri decimo sexto.

According to the old Scotch proverb, the houses of Cawdor and Kilravock were "too near neighbours to be good friends." It is not difficult to conjecture the causes of discord. In that age of recent and scanty cultivation, much of the land was still debateable; and the drawers and boxes labelled "MARCHES" in old charter-chests, shew how that subject alone furnished war and litigation for centuries. Even in the present age we are not entitled to express astonishment at the never-ending quarrels about "fuel and pasture," rights of forest and fishing. The period we have now reached in the family annals, was the time when the Scotch gentry thought they could heal such differences by solemn "Bonds of Amity." The Cawdor archives give specimens of these, and show us how little they were effectual—how the treaty gave way before interest or passion. The first of the following Bonds is from the original at Kilravock, its Cawdor counterpart being lost. Of the Decree to be pronounced we learn nothing, but the subsequent covenant shows us the same person still acting as mediator.

Bond between the Thane of Caldor and the Baron of Kilrawok.

This endenture maide at Caldor the viij day of November, the yer of Gode a thousande four hundred sevinttye and fyff yeris, betwix honorabill men Wylyame thayne of Caldor with his party on the ta part, and Huchone the Ross barone of Kilrawok with Huchone the Ross his sone and appeirande ayr and thar parteis on the tother part, proportis and beris witnes in it self in furme manner and effect as eftir follows, that is to say: at thai ar bundyne and oblyste for all slauchteris, debattis, injuris ande contrauerssis that haf beyne betwix thame thar men and parteis in tymes bygane, and quhow that thai sall stande in fawore and frendschip for euir in tymes to cum, til stande ferme and stabill at the ordinans decret and delyuerans of ane vorschipfull mane, James of Innes of that ilk and vther four persons chossyne be the saide James of Innes, in the name and one the behalf of the saide Wilyame thayne of Caldor; that is to say, James of Ogillwy of Deskfurde knycht, Waltyr of Ogillwy his bruther, Robert Steuart in Abernethye, and Mastyr Thomas of Grantt officiale off Murreff; and failyeande of all or of any ane of thir foure persons, sic lyk persons salbe chossyne be the said James of Innes of that ilk, in the name and one the behalff of the saide Wylyame thayne of Caldor, as saide is. The quhilk decret sall stande and be delyuerit in Elgyne the xix day of November, to the quhilk day the saide Wilyame thayne of Caldore, the said Huchone the Ross barone of Kilrawok and Huchone the Ross his son and appeyrande ayre sal compeyre in Elgyne to the saide day; ande thai sall al vterlye stande at the ordinans decret and delyuerans of the forsaidis persons, ande lelely and treulye to the kepinge fulfillynge and obseruynge of this endenture, bayth the parteis haff suorne the gret ayth, the haly evangelist tuycht; ande failyeande that the forsaidis persons compeir nocht in Elgyne the forsaide day, nor makkis nocht the forsaidis parteis to be fullelye appoyntit at ane acorde, as Gode forbede it sa be, the saidis parteis sal be free til persew vtheris at thar awantage as law wyll in all materis ande debattis dependande betwix thame, all fraude gyill cavillacione and frewell excep-

cions beynge excludyt ande by put. Ande to the part of this endenture remaynande with the said Huchone the Ross barone of Kilrawok, the saide Wilyame thayne of Caldor, hass affixt his seill at day and place befor writyne.

The Second Indenture.

This Endentur maide at the Cathedrall Kyrk of Murreff the fyft day of the moneth of Septembris the yere of Gode ane thousande four hundreth sewynty ande sex yeris proportis and beris wytnessyng in yt self, that it is fullely appointyt ande accordyt betuyx honorabillez men Wylyame Thayne of Caldor his brethir kyn men ande party on the ta part, ande Huchowne the Rose Barowne of Kilrawok ande Huchowne the Rose his sone ande apperande ayr thar brethir men ande party on the tothir parte, in forme maner and effect as eftir followys. That is to say that in compensacione of the gret harmez sclawchtris iniuris ande scathys done to the saidys Wilyame Thayne of Caldor hys kyn men ande party be the saide Huchowne sone ande apperande ayr to the said Barowne hys complicis kyn men ande party, ande for the gude of pece incressyng of luff ande tendirness ande perpetuall frendeschype to be hade betuyx the saidis parteis the saide Huchowne Barowne off Kylrawok is becummyn sone for all the days of his lyff to the saide Wilyame Thayne of Caldor ande takyn hyme as fadir, ande the saide Wilyame Thayne of Caldor ys becummyn to hym as luffyt fadir ande takyn hym as sone ande ilk ane of thame sall helpe supple ande defende utheris in all actionez causis ande querelis as sone aucht to do to fadyr ande fadir to sone, agane all thay that lewys or dee may, oure souerene lorde the Kyng all onerlye outtane. And the said Huchowne sone ande apperande aire to the saide Barowne ys becummyn for all the days of hys fadir lyff leylle trew ande fathfull man to the saide Wilyame Thayne of Caldor fre but ony fee, ande sall mak hyme leille and trew serwyce ande sall helpe and supple the said Thayne in all actionez materys causis ande querelys concernyng hyme lelely ande trewlie agane all thay that lewys or dee may oure souerene lorde the Kyng excepe ande ane lorde quhilk he

has or sall haff to mastir withoute contrary schath or prejudyce to the said Thayne ande his manrent of the saide Huchowne: ande the saide Thayne sall helpe mantene and defende the saide Huchowne in all actionez materis ande querelis concernyng hym as mastir sulde to his man. Ande eftir the decese of the saide Barowne the saide Huchowne sall becum ande be the tenor of this Endentur becummys to the saide Thayne sone, ande he to hyme fadir; and the fyrst sone of the said Huchowne gettyn in sposage apparande to hyme air sall becum man to the saide Thayne lyke maner ande forme as of Huchowne Barowne ande his sone Huchowne is befor exprimyt; the quhilk sone be the grace of Gode sall spous ande haff to wyff ane of the saide Thanys dochteris gettyn or to be gettyn in spousage free withoutyn ony mariage gudz to be gewyn thar for be the saide Thayne; for the quhilkis sonrent manrente ande mariage lelely ande trewlye to be observyt as ys befor writyn the saide Wilyame Thayne of Caldor has remyttit and hartfullie forgewyn the rancour of his hart all sclauchteris harmez scathis ande injuris done to hyme his brethir kyne men ande party be the saide Huchowne sone ande apperande air to the saide Barowne his complicis kyn men and party on to the tyme of the makyng of this present endentur: ande athir of the saide parteis has takyn ande gewyn wthirlie the kys of pece. Ande for the observyng ande ferme kepyng of all and sindri thingis befor writyn the saide Wilyame Thane for hym his brethir kyn men and party and the saiddz Huchown and Huchowne for thame thar brethir kyn men ande party has gewyn thar bodelie athis in the handys of ane Reverende fadir in Cryst ande lorde David be the tholyng of Gode Bischope of Mureff sittyng in his saide Cathedralle Kirk in jugment the haly Ewangelis twechit. In witnessing of the quhilkis thingis the saiddz Wilyame Thayne for hym his brethir kyn men ande party, and the saiddz Huchowne Barowne for hym his sonnys kyn men ande party interchangabilie has thar seillys togedder with the seill of the said Reverende fadir, ande James Innes of that Ilke be the saide parteys commonlie procuryt, befor thir witnesis wenerabillez ande wourschipfull men Mastirys Alexander Stewarte of the saide kirk of Murreff Cancellar, Jhone Stewart of the saide kyrk Chanone and Prebendar of Spyny in the samyn, ande Lauchlane Ros of the kirk of Lundychty parsone, Jamez Stewarte of the palace of Spyny con-

stabill, Farchar Lame, Schiris Martyn of the kirk of Petty Vicar Jhone of Duffous ande Jhone Wilyamesone of the said kirk of Murref Chapellans with others divers to this present endenture hungyn yer day moneth ande place befor expremyt.

We have not long to wait till we find all concerned,—the contracting parties and their arbiter,—embroiled in new disputes and trying to right themselves in the old rough manner. A notarial instrument, dated 16th August 1477, gives us, no doubt, the approved North-country method of enforcing a claim of tithes.

. . . In venerabilis et magne scientie viri Johannis Wodman de May prioris et ecclesie cathedralis Rossensis postulati sede vacante meique notarii publici et testium subscriptorum presentia personaliter constitutus nobilis vir Willelmus Thanus de Caldour exponendo mentem suam declarauit, quod ipse alias in itinere ad partes montanas ipsum ad hoc certis causis racionabilibus mouentibus properabat, et ipso tamen ignorante honorabilis vir Jacobus Innes dominus de eodem cum exercitu sibi in dicto itinere obuiabat et quasdam literas super garbis decimalibus ecclesie parochialis de Inuernes per venerabilem virum Richardum Guthre monasterii de Abirbrothoc quondam abbatem et conuentum eiusdem ipsorumque sigillo communi factas et sigillatas Reuerendo in Christo patri ac domino Domino Dauid Dei et apostolice sedis gratia quondam episcopo Morauiensi executoribus et suis assignatis pro certis annis prout in eisdem latius continetur ac per dictum Reuerendum in Christo patrem sibi traditas et concessas petiit et postulauit. Quasquidem literas prenotatus Thanus denegauit et quod apud castrum suum de Caldour fuerant affirmabat: prelibatus uero Jacobus de Innes ipsum ad palacium de Spineto pro ipsius persone firma custodia monendo citauit. Ipse vero Thanus ob diuersas sue persone vexaciones et sue vite metum timens predicto Jacobo domino de Innes unam obligacionem manu sua propria scriptam quod infra spacium viginti dierum omnes et singulas prenotatas literas provido viro Jacobo Stewart palacii de Spineto predicti constabulario deliberaret vel deliberari faceret. Prefatus equidem Willel-

mus Thanus de Caldour consilio juris peritorum prehabito prenotatam obligacionem si obligacio dici potest si pro tion et contenta in eadem omnibus melioribus modo via forma et jure quibus melius potuit annullauit irritauit cassauit et reuocauit ipsamque obligacionem et contenta in eadem annullat irritat cassat et tenore presentis instrumenti reuocat et pro infectis haberi voluit; protestando solemniter quod quicquid dictum actum factum gestumve scriptum fuerat penes dictam obligacionem circa deliberacionem dictarum literarum sibi et juri suo perpetuis temporibus futuris in aliquo non preiudicaret. De et super quibus omnibus et singulis prenotatus Willelmus Thanus de Caldour a me notario publico infrascripto sibi fieri petiit unum vel plura publicum seu publica instrumentum seu instrumenta. Acta erant hec in ecclesia cathedrali Rossensi predicta hora undecima ante merediem vel eocirca sub anno mense die et indictione ac pontificatu quibus supra. Presentibus ibidem venerabili viro magistro Thoma Louchmalone ecclesie cathedralis predicte cancellario aliisque discretis viris Dominis Thoma Monelaw Thoma Legat de Tayn et Rossmerke vicariis, Dauid Brane artium magistro, Alexandro Maknab, Simone Donaldi et Thoma Rossie presbiteris, Georgio Carmichal, Georgio Heriot, Johanne Brous, et Willelmo Broune armigeris testibus ad premissa vocatis pariter et rogatis.

The feud had now come to extremities. The following document shows us a son of the Baron of Kilravock in duresse in the keep of Cawdor. Only two days before the date of this royal mandate, the Thane of Cawdor had lent his seal to complete a covenant between certain of the Mackintoshes, who bound themselves to assail and take the Castle of Kilravock, a daring enterprise, which, however, was successfully performed.—(*Family of Kilravock, p.* 146.)

The Kyngis letteris to lous Wylyam the Rois, fra the Thane of Caldour.

James be the grace of God King of Scottis, Till oure trast cusing and consalour George Erle of Huntlie Lord Gordoun and Badyenoch our justice

greting · forsamekle as it is rycht hevyly menit and complenit to us be our louit seruitour Huchone Rose of Kilrawak that quhar the Thane of Caldor has takin his sone and withhaldis him in presone and will nocht lat him till broch · and as we are informit ye send your letteres for the frethin of him, quhilk command the said Thane wald nocht fulfill, he proferand till vnderly our lawis, and lais him grewlingis in the stokkis in gret contempt and lychtlin of ws and oure autorite ; we exhort and prais you herfor rycht effectuisly and als chargis that ye incontinent mak and cause that man till be put till fredome, he fyndand souertie that the perty sall be scaithles of him bot as law will and that he sall underly our lawis befor you for ony crime that his perty sall put to him ; and that ye do as ye will report speciall thank of us therfor and under the charge that eftir may follow. Deliuerand thir our letterez be you deuly execut and indorsit agan till the berar. Gevin under oure signet at Edinburgh the xvij day of May and of our regne the xxij yer.

Ex deliberatione dominorum consilii.

Such was the rough wooing by which the neighbouring families were at length to become kinsmen and allies. In the Indenture of September 5, 1476, a marriage had been covenanted between the young Kilravock's eldest son, still unborn, and one of the Thane's daughters. But the young Baron had now been married for some years to Isabel Sutherland, without sons of the marriage, and the alliance was to be effected in another form. The following title is endorsed on the contract in the Thane's handwriting :—

THE BAND OF MARIAGE BETUIX MY SONE AND AYR AND HUCHOUNE THE ROSS HIS DOUCHTER.

At Fores the twentyane day of Jun the yer of Gode ane thousande four hundreth achty-twa yeris it is appunctit accordit endit and finilie concludit betuix rycht honorabillez men Wilyame Thane of Caldor on the tane pert and Huchone the Ros barone of Kilrawok and Huchone the Rois

his sone and apperande air on the tother pert and be thir personis underwrityn that is to say Alexander Dunbar of the Vestfelde Knycht Alexander M'Yntosche of Rathamurchous Thomas le Graunt of the cathedrall kirkis of Murref ande Ros chanone and Jamez Stewart constabill of Spyny be the saide Vilyame Thane of Caldor · and Jamez Dunbar of Cumnok sone and apperand air to the said Alexander Dunbar Thomas Cummyn of Alter Alexander Fauconer of Leithin ande Farchar Lam be the saidis Huchone barone ande Huchone his sone · and Allane of Kynnarde of that ilk be baith the perteis commonlie arbitouris arbitratrouris and amiabill compositouris upone all debatis actionis questionis querellis brekkis skaithis and injuris said doune movit or proponit be athir of the perteis aganis utheris syn the tyme of the making of ane bande of freindschipe maid betuix the saidis perteis as in the endentouris maid therupone with the seillis of the saidis perteis togidder with the seillis of ane Reverend fadir in God David umquhill Bischope of Murref and ane rycht honorabill man James Innes of that Ilk interchangeabille seilit mair fullely is contenit, chosin, as is contenit in the instrument of compromyse maid therupon: The saidis perteis to stand to the ordinance deliuerance and decrete of the saidis personis and arbitraris abouf vritin beand first sworn the haly evangelist tuechit decretit ordanit lowit deliverit and for sentence gevin that the first band of frendschipe faderschipe soneschipe and manrent maid betuix the saidis perteis as is contenit in the endentouris efforsaidis in all punctis and articulis contenit in thaim sal stande halde and remane in siclike strinth vertew robour and fors as thai var in tyme of thar first making and be kepit and observit inviolabilie be bath the perteis in forme and effect contenit in thaim, except at quhar in the first band it is contenit that the said Huchone sone and apperand air to the said Barone is man to the said Vilyam Thane of Caldor induring his fader lyve tyme, ande efter the decese of his fader to be sone to the said Thane as his fader ves befor, now and fra thine furth the said Huchone sone and apperand air to the said Barone is becummyn and be the tenor of this deliuerance and decret becumis man to the said Vilyam Thane of Caldor induring the dais of the said Huchones lif free but ony fee aganis all thai that levis or dee may, oure souerane lord the King allanerlie except: Nochtwithstanding it salbe

lesum to the said Huchone to tak fee of ane lord quhom him plese sa that the said lord be nocht unthankfull nor contrar to the said Thane his lachfull opynion or frendis as in the first band is expremit, nochtwithstanding ony brekis vrangis skathis or injuris done be athir of the perteis till utheris syn the making of the samen the quhilkis brakis vrangis skathis injuris and all utheris done or saide in ony tymez befor be thaim self thar kyn men or party athir of the perteis till utheris togidder with the rancor of thar hartis has fullely remittit forgevin sopitit and annullit now and for evir and never to mow accione or questione til utheris upon thaim nor ony of thaim in tyme to cum. And in taking of perfyt luf and cherite ilkane has geuin till utheris the kys of tendirnes and pece. And for the mair incressing and eking of luf and cherite betuix the saidis perteis thar successione kynmen and perty and sickir fyrmance of the saidis bandis Wilyame of Caldor sone and apperand air to the said Wilyame Thane of Caldor be the grace of God sall marrie and haue to spous ane dochtir of Huchone the Rois sone and apperand air to the said Barone quhilk sall pleis the said Thane to cheis. And falyeand of the sadis Wilyame or dochtir as God forbid the next sone and apperand air to the said Vilyame Thane of Caldor ane dochter of the said Huchonis quhilk pleis the sade Thane to cheis, and safurth the sone and apperand aire to the said Wilyame and dochtir to the said Huchon lachfully gottyn in spousage fra the eldast to the youngast sall marrye and haue in spouse ever and quhill the mariage be fulfillit and compleit betuix ane sone and dochtir of the saidis Vilyame and Huchone, sa that the said dochtir be convenient in age for the said Wilyame and notorlie undefamyt: for the quhilk mariage to be maid the said Huchone Barone and Huchon his son and apperand aire sall gif to the said Thane of Caldor fyw hundreth merkis of the usualle money of Scotlande . . . And atour gif it sal happin the mareage betuix the saidis Wilyame sone and apperand air to the said Vilyam Thane of Caldor or ony otheris of his sonis and apperand air and the dochteris of the said Huchon or ony dochtir chosing be the said Thane to falye in defalt of ony of the pertis thar sonis and dochteris as is befor said the perty brekand sall doubill the mareage forsaid of fyw hundreth merkis for costis skathis dampnis and interess to the party observand and kepand . . . Ande the said Thane sall gif

to Wilyame his sone and apperand air twenty merkis worth of gud land within the Shirefdome of Narn til his leving and sustentatione, of the quhilkis the dochtir of the said Huchone the Ros chosin be the said Thane to be spous to the said Vilyame his sone and apperand air or ony utheris apperand air quhatsumevir within half a yer eftir the matrimonye be complet betuix thaim without ony longer delay sall have state and possessione of junctfeftment be charter of seising, all fraud gille cavillacione and exceptcion secludit and byput. And for the ferme observing and inviolabille keping of all and syndri thir punctis abouf writin baith the perteis befor the saidis arbitrouris has gewin the gret aith fra end to end the haly evangelist tuechit. And for the mair sickirnes thai have thar seillis interchangeabillie togidder vith the sellis of the saidis Alexander Dunbar of the Vestfelde Knycht for him and the laif of the arbitrouris be the said Vilyam Thane of Caldor chosin and be thaim procurit, and of Jamez of Dunbar of Cumnok for him and the arbitrouris be the said Huchone Barone of Kilrawok and Huchon his sone chosin and be them procurit, and of Allane of Kinnard of that Ilk commonlie chousin and procurit be bath the perteis to this present decret maid in maner of endentour ar appendit at place day and yer abouf writin and subscrivit with the notar undervritin be the charge and commaund of the arbitrouris efforsaid. Befor thir witnes, s. Alexander Urchard of Burrisyardis Johne of Brode of that Ilk Huchon Douglas of Cramound Rob Douglas balye of Fores Johne of Terves Johne Nicholsone Archibald Broun and Johne Mechysone burgenses of the said burgh of Fores with utheris diuers.

It is not easy to ascertain the reason of the following revocation, nor quite safe to conclude that the Thane did not use his lady's name as the most convenient way of evading a disadvantageous transaction. Its date is 13th July 1485. We have seen that the lady had a considerable dower. Her opulent father, Alexander Sutherland of Dunbeath, in that remarkable testament of his (25th Nov. 1456) bequeaths "to my daughter Marion all the lave of my lands that I have undisponit upon, and sa mony ky auld and young as I haive with Aytho Fourcharsoun or with Mackay Beneuth, and sa mony ky as she aucht to have of William Polsynis ky."—(*Miscel. Ban. Club, vol. III.*) Mariot Sutherland's seal of arms is, *between three mullets, a fess*, and round the shield, S. MARIONE DE SUTHIRLANDE.

Ane Instrument that Marione of Suthyrlande consentit nocht to the Sellyng of Kyndes.

· · · Circumspecta mulier Mariota Suthirlande sponsa honorabilis viri Willelmi Caldor de eodem declarando exposuit qualiter ipsa quandam villam nominatam Ester Kyndeys terrasque eiusdem cum pertinenciis in comitatu Rossie infra vicecomitatum de Narn jacentes hereditarie possidebat sicut et pater eius hereditarie prius habuit easdem cum pertinenciis. · · · Quamquidem villam de Ester Kyndeys et terras eiusdem cum pertinenciis in manibus supremi domini nostri regis seu cuiuscumque alterius ad hoc potestatem habentis ante presentis instrumenti confectionem dixit se nunquam resignasse nec resignauit ut eadem asseruit, ad ipsius tamen nuper dixit deuenire noticiam quod prefatus Willelmus Caldor ipsius sponsus predicte ville terrarumque et pertinenciarum earundem quandam aliam dispositionem sibi multum contrariam fieri disposuerat sic quod eandem villam de Ester Kyndeis terrasque cum pertinenciis eiusdem cuidam Willelmo Rose per cartam et sasinam suas hereditarias a se dictaque Mariota heredibus et assignatis suis dedit concessit vendidit et in quantum potuit pro perpetuo alienauit, quod de jure absque ipsius Mariote consensu et assensu fieri minime potuit quem consensum et assensum ipsius ad premissa fienda nunquam prebuit ut eadem asseruit. · · · Concessionem donacionem vendicionem · · · et documenta uniuersa omnia et singula per prefatum Willelmum eius sponsum dicto Willelmo Rose · · · de dictis terris · · · exinde confecta · · · eadem Mariota non vi aut metu ducta nec errore lapsa sed sua libera et spontanea voluntate animoque deliberato ut apparuit reuocauit cassauit et annullauit · · · ad que omnia et singula approbanda ratificanda et confirmanda eadem Mariota Willelmum Caldor ipsius filium et apparentem heredem manu sua portauit et adduxit, qui quidem Willelmus super premissis requisitus omnia et singula premissa per ipsam Mariotam eius matrem ut premittitur facta ratificauit appobauit et confirmauit suumque consensum ad vendicionem dicte ville cum pertinenciis prebere negauit. · · · Acta erant hec apud castrum de Caldor hora quasi undecima ante merediem sub anno mense die indictione et pontificatu qui-

bus supra presentibus ibidem honorabilibus et circumspectis viris Alexandro Falconer de Lethyn, Johanne Narn de Cromdaile, Roberto Caldor, Johanne Nycholay, Andrea Clunes, Johanne Caldor, Duncano Falconer, Roberto Falconer, et Donaldo Makgillereoch armigeris, Dominis Alexandro Thome Willelmo Hay, Willelmo Brunschellis, Valtero Tarbart, et Jacobo Squyer capellanis, cum multis aliis testibus ad premissa vocatis specialiter et rogatis.

Another contract of marriage follows, which, if not quite so much at random as the preceding, had probably quite as little foundation in the attachment of the principal parties. It is again docqueted by the Thane,—

The Endentur betuix Me and the Larde of Fillorth.

This endentur maide at Caldor the xv day of Marche the yer of Gode ane thousande four hundreth auchty and vij yeris proportis and beris witnes in itself that it is appoyntit and fullely accordit betuix richt honorabill men Wilyame Thane of Caldor one the ta part ande Allexander Frasser larde of Fillorth one the tother part in furme maner and effect as efter followis; that is to say ane noble and mychty lorde Wilyame Erle of Arral Lorde Hay and constabil of Scotlande and schir Gylbert Keith of Innerugy boucht the haill mariage and warde of the saide Allexander Frasser fra our souerane lorde the Kyng the quhilk mariage the saide lorde Erle of Arral has saulde his part to the saide Wilyame thane of Caldor for certane soumys of mone as thar endenturis maide tharapone proportis at mair lynth. Ande the saide Allexander Frasser be the grace of Gode sal spouse and tak to wyff Margeory Caldor douchter to the saide Wilyame thane of Caldor, ande becaus the saide Allexander Frasser is god brother to the saide Margeory Caldor and scho gode sister to him, quharfor thai mane haf licence and be dispensit of our haly father the Pape, ande the saide Wilyame thane of Caldor sal mak the fyrst cost one the dispensacione ande the saide Allexander Frasser sal

recompens and mak pament tharof efterwart quhen he beys lauchfully in possessione of his landis of Fillorth, ande within xl days eftir that he tak sesing and possessione of his saide landis he sall giff to the saide Margeory Caldor state and possessione in junct feftment with chartir and sesing twenty poundis worth of lande all in a place togidder for all the days of hir liff als sikkyr as men off law can devise it, ande within xx days efter that the dispensacione cum hame he sal fulfill ande compleit the bande of mariage betuix him ande the saide Margeory Caldor quhat tym he beis requiryt tharto. Ande giff it sal happin as gode forbeide it sabe that the saide Allexander Frasser brekkis or falyeis in keping or fulfilling of ony of thir poyntis abuff writin or giff he makkis ony cause in ony uthir place or the dispensacione cum hame that he may nocht mary the saide Margeory Caldor lauchfully he sal pay ane thousande markis of the usuall monee of Scotlande tharof thre hundreth markis to the Kyng thre hundreth markis to the Bischop of Abyrdene that hapnys to be for the tyme to the byggyn and reparacione of the cathedrall kyrk of Abyrdene, ande four hundreth markis to the saide Margeory Caldor for hir virginite costis expensis and skathis that scho sustenys tharthrow, ande to the pament of the saide thousande markis of the usual monee of Scotlande the saide Allexander Frasser byndis and oblissis him his ayris executoris and assignais landis rentis and possessionis gudis movabil and immovabil in the stratast style and forme of obligacione, ande the saide Allexander Frasser is bundyn and oblist to byde and remane dayly in houshalde with the saide Wilyame thane of Caldor quhil the dispensacione cum hame ande quhil he be lauchfully maryit with the saide Margeory Caldor ande till tak his consell in all thingis as his carnel fathir for al the days of his lyff, and the saide Wilyame thane of Caldor is bundyn and oblist to help supple and to giff his tendir consel in al thingis to the saide Allexander Frasser as til his carnel sone for al the days of his lyff. Ande to the fulfilling ferme and faithful keping and observing of thir poyntmentis abuff writin baith the saidis parteis has sworne the gret aith, the haly evangelist twichit, all fraude gyll cavillacione and frewell excepcionis being excludyt and byput, ande becaus the saide Allexander Frasser has na seyl present of his awne he has procurit with instance the seyl of ane honorabil lorde Hew Lord Frasser of the Lowet,

and the saide Wilzame thane of Caldor his awne propir seil interchangeably has hungyn to thir endenturis with the subscriptionis of thar awne handis at place day and yer befor writin, befor thir witnes Master Thomas Grant chanone of the Cathedrall Kyrk of Elgyn, Johne of Narne of Cromdall, James Frasser, schir Wilyame Andersone and schir Wilyame Byrneth chaplans, Symon Frasser, Robert Caldor, John Nycholsone and Andrew Clunes with diuers utheris.

Allexander Fraser de Fillorth manu propria.

The old but careful Inventory of family papers supplies us with an entry of a mandate under the Privy Seal, dated 22d April 1488, for a charter to be granted under the Great Seal, in favour of William, Thane of Cawdor and his heirs of taillie, as follows:—To the said Thane William during his life, and after his decease to John, his *second* son, and his lawful heirs-male, whom failing, to his other sons—Andrew, Alexander, and Hugh, and their heirs-male successively; all whom failing, to the said Thane William's nearest and lawful heirs-male whomsoever, bearing the surname and arms of Calder. Precept of seisin was issued the same day, and seisin was taken on the 29th of the same month. The taking of seisin proves the existence of the charter completed. The limitations of this entail, although they would appear to have been abrogated by a subsequent Royal Charter in 1494, formed afterwards, no doubt, the real ground of opposition by Andrew and his brothers to the succession of the Lady Muriell. The exclusion of William, the eldest son of the Thane, is attributed by the family chroniclers to his "being lame, and weak of body," and perhaps truly. William was devoted to the service of the Church, but in the following instrument he is made to assign higher motives for the resignation of his birthright. It will be seen that his mother Marion Sutherland had lately deceased; otherwise, judging from her past efforts to secure the rights of her eldest born, this arrangement might not have been so easily effected.

In dei nomine amen. Per hoc presens publicum instrumentum cunctis pateat euidenter quod anno domini millesimo quadringentesimo octuagesimo octauo mensis uero Aprilis die penultimo in mei notarii publici et testium subscriptorum presencia personaliter constituti honorabilis vir

Wilelmus Thanus de Caldor ex una et Wilelmus de Caldor eius filius et apparens heres partibus ex altera, communicantes et tractantes super thanagio de Caldor et hereditate ipsius Wilelmi de Caldor thani de eodem, ac quadam carta thanagii et hereditatis huiusmodi per ipsum Willelmum thanum nuper a supremo domino nostro rege per modum tallie impetrata; tandem dictus thanus dictum filium suum primogenitum et apparentem heredem instancia qua debuit requirebat quatinus ipse Willelmus onus dicti thanagii de Caldor ac hereditatis sue cum pertinenciis in se recipere et huiusmodi strenue et prudenter gubernare vellet, et ipse Willelmus thanus omnes expensas et labores suos in impetracione huiusmodi carte tallie per ipsum facta libentissime perdere vellet, necnon dictam cartam tallie et literas instrumenta et documenta saisine ac omnia et singula exinde secuta annullanda fore et annullari fieri. Super quibus prefatus Willelmus thanus dictum filium suum primogenitum et apparentem heredem ut prius requirebat, et si premissa perimplere voluit et ad eadem consentire suum responsum postulauit. Qui quidem Willelmus de Caldor dicti thani filius primogenitus et apparens heres patri suo prelibato sic respondebat, asserens quod seipsum Deo omnipotenti in spiritualibus et diuinis officiis exercendis reddere voluit et ipsius jugum in huiusmodi diuinis officiis portare et presbiter in sacrificiis diuinis dandis esse ac Domino Deo omnipotenti duce eodem deseruire; et extunc dictus Willelmus prefati Willelmi thani filius et apparens heres non vi aut metu ductus nec errore lapsus neque choactus seu dolo aut fraude circumuentus set sua libera et spontanea voluntate ut apparuit huiusmodi thanagio de Caldor ac hereditati eiusdem cum pertinenciis ac omni juri et juris titulo tam petitorio quam possessorio que habuit extunc seu habere poterit in futurum renunciauit ac jus suum et ipsius interesse in eisdem tam ex parte patris sui predicti quam etiam ex parte matris sue Mariote Sutherland dudum defuncte ad disponendum ad liberum arbitrium ac beneplacitum et voluntatem patris sui Willelmi predicti sursum dedit pureque simpliciter donauit Necnon ipsius Willelmi consensum assensum fauorem ac liberam voluntatem ad talliandum dictum thanagium de Caldor ac hereditatem patris sui prenominati cum pertinenciis Johanni de Caldor fratri suo ipsius patris secundo genito ac propinquioribus patris sui predicti heredibus prout patri suo melius expediens visum fuerit etiam donauit. De

et super quibus omnibus et singulis prefatus thanus et Johannes de Caldor eius secundus genitus a me notario publico subscripto sibi fieri petierunt publicum instrumentum. Acta erant hec in castro de Caldor hora quasi octaua ante merediem uel eocirca sub anno mense die indictione et pontificatu quibus supra. Presentibus ibidem prouidis viris Willelmo Doles de Cantra, Roberto de Caldor dicti castri de Caldor constabulario et Thoma Hay armigeris ac dominis Willelmo Hay et Waltero Tarbat capellanis testibus ad premissa vocatis specialiter et rogatis.

The following Contract settled the marriage of Thane William's daughter Marion to Huchon Allanson, probably a nephew of the chief of Clan Chattan. No documents exist to prove what previous intermarriage between the families produced the prohibited degree of relationship indicated below. The family chroniclers relate that Helen, daughter of William, the second recorded Thane, the grantee in the Charter of Robert the Bruce, was married to Shaw Macintosh of that Ilk, from which may have arisen the present impediment.

Mackintosh's seal attached to the contract is in good preservation. The parchment is as usual endorsed by the Thane,—

The Bande betuix Me and M'Kyntossych anent the Mereage of Huchon Allanson.

This indentur maid at Caldor the xx day of August the yer of God a thousand four hundret auchty and ten yeris proportis and beris vytness in it selff that it is aponttit and fullyly accordit betuix honorabill men Vylyame thayne of Caldor one the ta part, and Doncane Makintosche capitane of the clancattane Farchcar M'Intosche sone and aperand ayr to the forsaid Doncane and Huchone Allanson one the toder part in forme maner and effect as efter folowis, that is to say that the said Huchone sall mary and tak to vyff Maryone Caldor dochter to the said thane; for the quhilk mariage the said thayne sall mak thankfull pament to the said Huchone Allanson the some off fourty pundis of the usuall mone off Scotlande, tharoff the thyrd in hand at the completing of the said mariage lachtfully maid, ayne uder

thyrd halff a yeir next and immediat thereftyr folowand, and ayne thyrd wythtin halff a yeir thareffter folowand. And because that the said Huchone and Marione ar tua ferdis of kyne of consanguinite and tua ferdis of affinite, the said thayne sall ger bryng hayme ayne dispensacione in all guidlie haist hyme selff payand the ta halff and the said Huchone the toder halff. And the said Huchone is oblist to mak na cause in till na oder place that may stop or let hyme be law to mary the said Marione lachtfully, and giff ony uder impediment be fundyn eftervart or giff he makis ony caus to let stop or brek the said mariage the said Huchone sall bring hayme that dispensacione one his awyne cost, and he is oblist to compleit and fulfil the band of mariage lachtfully wyth the said Marione wytht in xx^{ti} dais efter that the dispensacione be cummyn hayme, but ony stop or demaund quhen he beis chargit or requirit tharto be the said thayne or Marione or be ony uderis in thar naym. And gif the said Huchone happynnis to de, as God forbeid it sa be, or the dispensacion cum haym and or he be maryit, he is oblist and sworyng be the faytht in his body in the straitest styll and forme of obligacione that frely he giffis now halff all his guidis baitht of corn oxyne ky and scheip and of all and sindri uder guidis movabill, ewyne as schow var his lachtfull veddyt wiff. And giff it happynnis the said Huchone Allanson to failze in the keipyng and fulfillyng of ony off ther ponctis abeuff vrityn as God forbeid he sa dow, the saide Doncane Makintosche and Farchcar his sone ar bundyn . . . to mak thankfull pament of the some of tua hundret merkis of the usuall mone of Scotland to the said Vilyame thayne of Caldor . . . and the said Huchone sall tak and hald the said thayne in all seruice and manrent in contrar of all men excep his allegiens till our Souerane lord the Kyng and his cheiff M'Intosche, and the said thayne sall tak and hold the said Huchone and he sall suple and manteyn hyme in all his honest and rychtuys querellis that he has adow as he vill dow for his sone carnall, and to the fulfyllyng ferme and faythfull keipyng and obseruing of all thir ponctis abeuf vrityn, baytht the forsaid parteis hais suoryng the gret aytht and the haly ewangylist twichyt all fraude gyill and frevell exceptione beyng excludyt and biput. In vitnes of the quhilkis thingis the said Vilyame thane of Caldor and Doncane Makintosche for hym and the sad Farchcar his son hais interchangeably appendyt

thar seilis at day yer and place abeuf vrityn befoyr thir vitnes Master Thomas the Grant officiall of Murra, Vilyame Doles of Canttra, Alexander Allanson broder german to the said Huchone, Bean Makimpersone, Sir Marteyne deyne of Inuerness and Sir Alexander of Croy, wyth divers sindri.

The following precept from the Lord of Strathnairn, though without date or witnesses, seems to supply a blank in the Cawdor pedigree. The period is between 1490 and 1500.

Jacobus Ogiluy de Deskfurd miles ac dominus de Strathnarn dilectis balliuis meis Willelmo Thano de Caldor et Patricio Ogiluy in Glassach in hac parte specialiter constitutis et eorum cuilibet coniunctim et diuisim salutem. Quia dedi hereditarie Willelmo Doles filio et heredi apparenti Willelmi Doles de Bodwit et Margarete Caldor et eorum alteri diucius viuenti . . . omnes et singulas terras meas de Westirgalcantra cum pertinenciis et duabus croftis de Estircantra et perticatam terre ad valorem quinque solidorum et quatuor denariorum de eadem Estircantra de terris propinquioribus jacentibus prope Westercantra cum omnibus suis pertinenciis, jacentes in dominio meo de Strathnarn infra vicecomitatum de Inuerness . . . Vobis igitur et vestrum cuilibet . . . precipio et mando quatenus accedatis ad predictas terras cum pertinenciis et ibidem dicto Willelmo Doles et Margarete Caldor . . . statum saisinam et possessionem hereditariam predictarum terrarum . . . tradatis et deliberetis.

We now arrive at the consummation of the various interminable indentures of friendship between the Thane and his neighbour, Kilravock. A matrimonial alliance had been long contemplated as the means of ending past differences, and securing the peace of the two families. This project, however, the fruit of so long and solemn negotiation, was not even yet effected without considerable jealousy and cavilling. It is curious to mark the difference of terms in this, as compared with those of previous covenants. Then both parties were profuse in their professions of love and friendship, "the kiss of tenderness and peace" was exchanged, parental and filial relations towards each other

were solemnly ratified and adopted; while now, on the other hand, all such expressions are discarded. The Lady's dower for that age was very considerable.

The following is somewhat abridged.

This endentour maid at Elgin 10 May 1492, proportis ande beris vitnes in itself that it is appointit and fullelie accordit betwix wourschipful men Vilyam thayne of Caldor and Johne of Caldor sone and apparande air to the said thayne on the tane part and Huchon the Roos baron of Kilravok and Huchon the Roos sone and apperande air to the said Baron on the tother part in form maner and effect as efftir followis. That is to say that the said John of Caldor · vill God, sall marry and haue to spous Issabell the Roos dochtir to the said Huchon the Roos son to the said Baron. For the quhilk mareage · the said Baron and Huchon his son sal resing the landis of Kinstary · in the handis of Vilyam Suthirland lard of Duffous Querelwod and Brechmund, and thai sal caus the said lard of Duffous to gif the said landis of Kinstary · to the said Vilyam thane his airis and assignais · to be haldin of the lard of Duffous euir and quhill the said Vilyame thane be content and payit of three hundreth merkis of usuall money of Scotland · apon our Lady Altar in the Cathedrall kirk of Murray · the forsaid Vilyam thayn of Caldor givand ane sufficient reuersion to the larde of Duffous his airis and assignais that what tym he or his airis or assignais or the forsaid Huchon the Roos · pais the forsaid soum of three hundreth merkis · thai sal have free ingress to the said land · and the said baron sal gif the forsaid thayn · ane quarter of Estir Geddes · euir and quhill the said thayn be pait of ane hundreth merkis · the said thayn gevand ane sufficient reuersion · to the said baron · the said baron and Huchon his son sal gif borrouis and souerte Alexander Roos of Dunheryn Vilyam Doles of Cantray and Wilyam Doles of Budwit · to pay the said thayn · fourty merkis at Mertimes next followand the date of this present write, twenty merkis at Vitsunday therefter, and fourty merkis at the next Mertymes therefter followand till all thir punctis abouf vritin sal be compleit and fulfillit · And in lik vys the said thayn of Caldor fathfullie bindis and oblissis him to discharge Vilyam of Caldor his eldast son of all

and sindri his landis of Mulquhach and Dounvornye · that mouit of Marion Sutherland his first spous, of quhom God assolye and of all and sindri the laif of his heretage that he has or is in possession of now at the making of this vrit, and at he sal put the said Vilyam fra all and sindri his forsaid landis and heretage be verray law and rycht that he may neuir haue entres clame or rycht titill of rycht to the forsaid landis · exceptand at he sal gif him ane pension til his leving of tuenty pundis quhill he be promovit til sum benefice of haly kirk to uphald him, and syne be dischargit of the said pension, and that he sall mak Johne of Caldor his secund sone his verray lachfull and undoutit air of all and sindry the forsaid landis of Mulquhach and Dounvornye · and of all and sindri the laif of his forsaid heretage als sicker as mennys wit can devis · be the avis and ordinance of ane reuerend fader in Crist Androw · bischop of Murray, James Ogilwy of Deskfuird knycht, Alexander Innes of that Ilk, Walter Ogilwy of the Bown, Master Alexander Stewart cancellar of Murray, Master Thomas the Grant officiale of Murray, and Vilyam the Hay of Lochloy · thai beand suorn to gif the best consel thai haf for the uttir proffit and veilfair of the said Vilyaim thayn of Caldor and John of Caldor his son in this mater. Reseruand the hail possession fee and franktenement to the said Vilyam thayn of Caldor of his heretage for his lif tym or quhill it sall ples him of gud will to put his said son John of Caldor in fee of the samyn. And gif it beis understandin be the saidis lordis · that thar be ony dout · that may hurt his said son John of Caldor in the forsaid land of Mulquhacht and Dounvornye or in ony part of the laif of his heretage the forsaid Vilyam thayn bindis him to put his forsayd son John of Caldor in fee of the forsaid land of Mulquhach and Dounvornye and in fee of all the laif of his heretage · but ony delay gif na uther meyn can nocht be to mak him sickir utherwais. And the said thayn sal gif tuenty merkis vorth of land gud and sufficient to John of Caldor his son and Issabel the Roos · in coniunct feftment to thar liffing within the thayndom of Caldor · In vitness of the quhilkis baith the parteis efforsaid interchangabillie to thir endentouris hes hungyn thar selis vith manuale subscriptiones of the said thayn and Huchon the Roos son to the said baron of thair propir handis at place day and yeir befor vritin, befor ther vitnes Schirris Martin vicar of Petin and Alexander Croy

vicar of Croy, Thom the Hay, Johne Cheyn, Patry Caldor, Stevin Nysbyt and Alexander Cheyn squearis with diuers utheris · indictione decima pontificatus sanctissimi in Christo patris ac domini nostri Domini Innocencii diuina disponente clemencia pape octaui anno octauo.

thanus
WILELMUS CALDOR manu propria.

HOWGO ROIS fyllyus et aparens heres
Howgonys Rois de Kyllrawok
pro dycto pattre meo et pro me
ipso manu propria svbscrybo.

Fourteen days after the above, Kilravock issued a precept of sasine to the quarter lands of Geddes, which had been pledged in security for the payment of 100 merks of Isabella's dower.

THE SAYSSING OF THE QUARTAR OFF ESTER GEDDES.

Hugo Roos de Kilrawok prouidis viris Willelmo Hay de Lochloy Willelmo Doles de Budwit et Johanni Cheyn balliuis suis in hac parte coniunctim et diuisim salutem. Quia dedi concessi et titulo pure vendicionis alienaui honorabili viro Willelmo Thano de Caldor totas et integras terras meas quarte partis ville de Estir Geddes cum pertinenciis in comitatu Morauie infra vicecomitatum de Narn jacentes prout in carta per me sibi desuper confecta plenius continetur vobis igitur et vestrum cuilibet coniunctim et diuisim precipio et mando quatinus dicto Willelmo Thano de Caldor vel suo certo actornato latori presentium sasinam predictarum terrarum quarte partis ville de Geddes cum pertinenciis secundum tenorem carte quam de me inde habet iuste habere faciatis et sine dilacione et hoc nullo modo omittatis. Ad quod faciendum vobis coniunctim et diuisim meam committo potestatem. In signum vero huiusmodi sasine dationis dicto Willelmo Thano de Caldor uel eius actornato ipsius nomine per vos

tradite sigillum unius vestri sasinam dantis in secunda cauda post nostrum presentibus appendatis penes dictum sasitum perpetuo remansuris. Datum sub nostro sigillo apud Kilravok vicesimo quarto die mensis Maii anno domini millesimo quadringentesimo nonagesimo secundo.

The young Baron of Kilravock found it necessary to make the following demand under formal protest taken at the "Capitale Messuagium de Culbyn" (that manor house which now lies hid under the sand hills of Culbyn,) on the 22d December 1492.

. . . honorabilis vir Hugo Ros filius et apparens heres prouidi viri Hugonis Ros baronis de Kylravak ad presenciam nobilis viri Willelmi thani de Caldar accessit et eundem omni modo amicabiliter requisiuit necnon virtute sue obligacionis sub forma indenture confecte strictissime in quantum ad hoc valuit eius facultas onorauit et submonuit ut ipse suum filium Johannem Caldar de uniuersis suis terris sibi Wilhelmo hereditarie contingentibus ac eciam de terris que hereditarie sibi peruenerunt et successioni sue ex parte quondam Mariote Sutherlande matris dicti Johannis ut eundem Johanem dolo dubio et fraude semotis ut firmum faceret secundum ordinem iuris infra hoc tempus et septimum diem Januarii proxime futuri per visum et consilium reuerendi in christo patris ac domini dei et apostolice sedis gratia episcopi Morauiensis et aliorum proborum ad hoc nominaliter electorum si eorum presenciam commode habere poterit, alioquin per consilium proborum patrie proximorum secundum vim formam et effectum sue obligacionis sub forma indenture facte et premissa finire et terminare ut predicitur apud Elgin septimo die Januarii predicto quam diem sibi pro termino peremptorio assignauit intimando eidem quod siue dictis die et loco comparuerit siue non ipse ad hec que iura voluerint prosequi tendebat . . .

The family papers throw no light on the scene of violence which led to the following remission under the great seal. The year corresponds with the date of the great "hership of Cromartie" by the Macintoshes, in which his neighbour Kilravock was also engaged.

Remissio Thani de Caldor.

Jacobus dei gracia Rex Scotorum omnibus probis hominibus suis ad quos presentes litere peruenerint salutem. Sciatis quod remisimus Willelmo Thano de Caldore Thome Hay Willelmo Caldore Johanni Nicolson Johanni Belgeam Thome Grant Jacobo Caldore Thome Grahame Willelmo Blabir Johanni Thomson et Jacobo Maliach latoribus presencium rancorem animi nostri sectam regiam et omnem actionem quem et quas erga ipsos seu eorum aliquem concepimus habemus seu habere poterimus pro interfectionibus quondam Patricii Wisman Duncani Makangus Willelmi Blakhaw et Johannis Rede · · · dummodo parentibus et amicis dictorum interfectorum tales emendam et satisfactionem faciant et aliis dampna passis taliter satisfaciant quod nullam super hoc de cetero justam querimoniam audiamus · · · sub magno sigillo · · · Apud Inuernes decimo die mensis Nouembris anno domini millesimo quadringentesimo nonagesimo secundo et regni nostri quinto.

The half lands of Rait had been an appanage of the Thanage of Cawdor for several generations. From Alexander Seton of Tullebody, Thane William acquired in feufarm the other half of Rait, and the adjoining lands of Mekill Geddes.

The following is endorsed as usual.

The fyrst charter of Mekill Geddes and Halff Ratt.

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris vel audituris Alexander Ceton de Tullebody et dominus de Geddes salutem in domino sempiternam. Noueritis me dedisse concessisse et hac presente carta mea confirmasse et ad feodam firmam dimisisse honorabili viro Villelmo thano de Caldor heredibus et assignatis suis a me heredibus et assignatis meis in perpetuum totas et integras terras meas de Mekill Geddes et meam dimidiatatem ville de Rat cum pertinenciis in comitatu Morauie infra vicecomitatum de

Narn pro suis beneficiis auxiliis et consiliis temporibus transactis mihi gratanter impensis. Tenendas et habendas totas et integras terras meas de Mekill Geddes et meam dimidietatem ville de Rat in feodam firmam dicto Villelmo heredibus et assignatis suis de me heredibus et assignatis meis in perpetuum per omnes rectas metas suas antiquas et diuisas prout jacent in longitudine et latitudine in moris marresiis pratis pascuis et pasturis aucupationibus venationibus et piscariis cum curiis et curiarum exitibus eschetis et bludwettis molendinis multuris et eorum sequelis brasinis ariagiis cariagiis herrezeldis et mulierum merchetis et communi pastura tam procul quam prope tam subtus terra quam supra terram . . . Reddendo inde annuatim dictus Villelmus Caldor heredes et assignati sui mihi heredibus et assignatis meis viginti libras usualis monete regni Scotie ad duos anni terminos consuetos viz: festa Pentecostes et Sancti Martini in yeme . . . In cuius rei testimonium sigillum meum proprium huic presenti carte mee est appensum apud Elgin ye xxvj^{to} die mensis Octobris anno dimini i^{m} iiij^{c} lxxxxiij^{o} coram his testibus magistro Johanne Caldor Johanne Nycholaye Andrea Clunes Johanne Rocs et Johanne Reyth cum diuersis aliis.

The Thane of Cawdor and some of his neighbours had again fallen within the scope of the law, but as before, we are left in ignorance of the crimes which thus a second time required the clemency of the king.

Litera pro Willelmo Thano de Caldor.

James be the grace of God king of Scottis, to all and sundri oure justicis shireffis justice clerkis crownaris and thare deputis and all utheris oure officiaris liegis and subditis quham it efferis quhais knaulage thir oure lettres salcum greting. Wit yhe that forsamekle as in oure court of justiciary haldin be ws in propir persoun at Aberdene the xxvj day of Aprile the yere of God i^{m} iiij^{c} lxxxxiiij yeris, Wilyame Thane of Caldor, Johnne of Caldor his soun and apperand air Williame Dolace of Cantray and Williame Dolace of Budwite were accusit and convict of certane criminale actionis commitit be thame and dome gevin apoun thame til

hau bene hedit therefore, neuertheles we therfore moüit of piete considerand and understandand thai wer evir our trew liegis and obedient til our lawis and nevir fundin gylti of before grantit to thame thare lifis heretagis and gudis to leif and remane in tyme to cum oure trew liegis like as thai did of before the gevin of the said dome apoun thame, and tharefor of our speciale grace fauouris and auctorite riall has remittit and be ther oure lettrez remittis to thame and ilkane of thame all actionis criminale and ciuile commitit and done be thame or ony of thame in tyme bigane before the gevin of the said dome apoun thame, and cassis and annullis the said dome and all sentence and process that mycht haue folowit therapoun · · · · Gevin under oure priue sele at Inuernes the xxv day of October the yere of God i^{m} iiij^{c} lxxxxiiij yeris and of our regnne the sevynt yere.

JAMES R.

The formal requisition of Kilravoch had not been without some effect. At Stirling, on 22d April 1493, Thane William resigned the lands and thanage of Cawdor personally in the King's hands, in favour of his son John, with reservation of his own liferent, and a reasonable terce for his spouse, who, however, is not designated by name. An abridgement is given of the Royal Charter which followed.

Jacobus Dei gracia Rex Scotorum omnibus probis hominibus · Salutem. Sciatis nos dedisse · Johanni Caldor filio dilecti nostri familiaris armigeri Willelmi Thani de Caldor omnes et singulas terras thanagii de Caldor cum pertinenciis terras baronarium de Clunes et Boith · terras de Balmakaith et medietatem ville de Rate · terras de la Moye · Dowmakglas, duabus le Kinkellis, Kindeis, Inuermarky, Mulquhaich et Drumworny · Quas terras idem Willelmus non vi aut metu ductus nec errore lapsus sed sua mera et spontanea voluntate in manus nostras apud Striueling personaliter per fustem et baculum sursum reddidit · Tenendas et habendas omnes et singulas predictas terras · dicto Johanni et heredibus suis quibuscunque de nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris Regibus Scotie in feodo et hereditate · Faciendo inde annuatim dictus Johannes et heredes sui nobis et successoribus nostris regibus Scotie jura et seruitia de dictis terris · ante pre-

fatam resignationem nobis debita et consueta. Reseruato tamen libero tenemento omnium et singularum predictarum terrarum · dicto Willelmo thano de Caldor pro toto tempore vite sue, ac rationabili tercia earundem terrarum cum pertinenciis sponse ipsius Willelmi durante vita sua cum contigerit, excepta tercia viginti libratarum terrarum castri et terrarum dominicalium de Caldor Auchindoun Estirewin Rureoch et Auchynnym cum suis pertinenciis. In cuius rei testimonium presenti carte nostre magnum sigillum nostrum apponi precepimus. Testibus dilectis consanguineis nostris Archibaldo Comite Angusie Domino Douglas cancellario nostro, Alexandro Domino Hume magno camerario nostro, Johanne Domino Glammys justiciario nostro, Andrea Domino Gray magistro hospicii nostri, Georgio abbate de Dumfermling, Georgio abbate de Pasleto thesausario nostro, dilectis clericis nostris magistris Ricardo Murehede decano Glasguensi secretario nostro et Johanne Fresale decano de Lestalrig nostrorum rotulorum et registri ac consilii clerico. Apud Elgin secundo die mensis Nouembris anno domini mccccIxxxxiv et regni nostri septimo.

The papers at Cawdor throw no light on the descent or connexions of the Lady Jonet, Thane William's second wife. The family chroniclers style her a "daughter of Inverugie," which is probably correct. She appears to have been the widow of Alan Kinnaird, of Kinnaird and Culbin. Among the charters of Culbin, still preserved at Moy, is an instrument of seisin of date 25th February 1478, and proceeding on a precept under the great seal, in favor of Alan Kinnaird of that Ilk and of Culbin, and Joneta Keith, his spouse, in the lands of Culbin, which is witnessed among others by "William, son and heir apparent of Sir Gilbert Keith of Inverugy." The two Tullyglenns, now part of Dumphail, appear to have been held of Culbyn. The indorsation here placed for title, is in the Thane's writing. The notary's instrument bears date the 10th of February 1495,—

ANE INSTRUMENT THAT THE LADY JONET RECONYST THE TWA TULLEGLENNYS.

· · · honorabilis vir Wilelmus Thanus de Caldor et Joneta Keyth sponsa eiusdem accesserunt ad terras de duabus Tuleglennys et apud principale mes-

suagium siue domum earundem dictas duas Tuleglennys cum suis pertinenciis in eorundem manibus per terre et lapidis capcionem recognouerunt legitime ex et pro eo quod dicte terre de Tuleglennys baronie de Culbyn et de dicta Joneta Keyth tente erant tanquam de domina superiori earundem, que domina in dicta baronia de Culbyn cum suis pertinenciis in legitima sasina et possessione per cartam supremi domini nostri regis sub suo magno sigillo pro toto tempore vite sue existit, et quia intrusores siue inhabitantes et dictas terras de Tuleglennys pro tempore occupantes neque patres eorundem unquam legitime sasinam aut possessionem receperant de dicta domina superiori dictarum terrarum ut asseruit et pro dictis causis et aliis tempore et loco oportunis et necessariis demonstrandis dicta recognicio in manibus dictorum Wilelmi et Jonete facta est . . . presentibus ibidem Makgillemertyn Hugone Makintalyour Dauide Gylbardi Farquharsone Johanne Leys et Thoma Fersymsone cum multis aliis testibus ad premissa vocatis pariter et rogatis.

Et ego JOHANNES RICARDI presbiter
Sancti Andree, etc.

The quarter lands of Easter Geddes were part of Isabella Rose's dowry lands, and the Thane of Cawdor had obtained possession of them on 24th May 1492, fourteen days after the date of her marriage contract. The Baron of Kilravock died in 1494, and his son had not yet entered in the superiority of the lands. The following instrument is dated 29th of March 1497,—

INSTRUMENT OF REQUISITIOUN BE THE THANE OF CALDOR *contra* HEW ROSSE OF KILRAVOCK TO ENTER TO THE SUPERIORITE OF GEDDES, *anno* 1497.

. . . honorabilis vir Willelmus Thanus de Caldor humillime requirebat Hugonem Ross filium et heredem Hugonis Ross olim baronis de Kilrawok quatinus ipse Hugo intraret per sasinam et hereditariam possessionem in

terris suis de Kylrawok et Litill Gedes cum pertinenciis, ut dictus Willelmus thanus poterit se exonerare de warda et releuio quarte partis de Litill Geddes que quarta pars cum pertinenciis dictus thanus tenet ut asseruit de barone de Kylrawok per modum albe firme, quod si dictus Hugo non fecerit, antedictus thanus solempniter protestatus est pro remedio juris et quod postpocio sui introitus non cederet sibi Willelmo thano de Caldor neque heredibus suis vel assignatis in preiudicium aliquale in futurum · · · Acta erant hec in burgo de Narne prope crucem eiusdem hora undecima ante merediem vel eocirca sub anno die mense indictione et pontificatu quibus supra · Presentibus ibidem honestis viris viz., Johanne Ross vicecomite deputato de Narne Valtero Ross Johanne Cheyne Roberto Caldor et Duncano Nicholai armigeris cum diuersis aliis testibus ad premissa vocatis pariter atque rogatis.

The marriage contracted between John feear of Cawdor and Isabella Rose of Kilravock in 1492, was perhaps not completed immediately. So, at least, we are led to infer from disputes about the lands of Banchors and Half Rait, allocated for their living, whether they were "unsukkyn" or astricted to the Mill of Drynachan. It may be observed that through these papers, the young lady is called indiscriminately Isabella (her name in her marriage contract) and Elizabeth. The titles of the following instruments, endorsed in the Thane's hand, will perhaps be considered sufficient notice of this family misunderstanding. The first, bearing date 27th April 1497, engrosses the deed, executed on the 26th, by which Wilyame Thane of Calder "giffis and assignis to my son "Johne of Calder and his spous Elizabeth the Rois to thar lewing and sustentatione "all and haill my land of mekil Banquhyre and Litill Banquhyre and my halff of Rayt "wyth all thar pertinentis of gyrs wod and fysching."

THE INSTRUMENT THAT JOHNE OF CALDOR AND ELIZABETH ROSS DENYET TO TAK THE FRANK TENEMENT OF HALF RATT AND TWA BANCHQUHERIES, BOT GYFF I WALDE GYFF THAIM THE MYLL OF RATT.

ANE INSTRUMENT THAT THE BARONE STOPIT AND WAULDE NOCHT LET HIS DOUCHTER TAK NA SASSING OF HALFF RATT.—(13 *February* 1497.)

The last of the series is given as serving to mark some separation of interests between young Cawdor and his wife. The title is again in the Thane's own words. The instrument bears the date of the 23d of March 1497,—

ANE INSTRUMENT THAT ELIZABETH ROSS DENYET AND WAULDE NOCHT [TAKE] SAYSSYNSE OF HALFF RATT.

. . . honorabilis vir Vilelmus thanus de Caldor ac vicecomes de Narn personaliter recessit ad villam de Rayt, et ibi inuenit Elyzabeth Roiss sponsam filii sui Johannis Caldor et intimauit sibi quod ipse fuit promptus et paratus crastino die sponso suo Johanni Caldor et sibi sasinam hereditariam terrarum dimidietatis ville de Rayt et de le tua Bancheriis cum pertinenciis dare secundum tenorem carte regie et preceptum sasine racione contractus et obligationis inter ipsum et baronem de Kilravok patrem eius. Quequidam dicta Elizabeth recusauit se et omnino negauit nullam sasinam recipere non obstante idem Vilelmus vicecomes personaliter recessit cum me notario publico subscripto ad terras de le tua Bancheriis, et ibidem dicto Johanni Caldor sponso prefate Elizabeth et magistro Johanni Caldor cantori Rossensi attornato dicte Elizabeth in literis regiis deputato sasinam statumque et possessionem dictarum terrarum de le tua Bancheriis cum pertinenciis dedit et deliberauit per terram et lapidem ut moris est. Et paulo post eodem die prefatus Vilelmus Caldor reuenit ad Villam de Rayt et ibi presenciam dicte Elizabeth inuenit et optulit sibi sicut prius optulit sasinam terrarum dimidietatis ville de Rayt dicte Elizabeth dare, et idem Vilelmus reuelauit dicte Elizabeth quod magister Johannes Caldor cantor Rossensis suus attornatus nomine suo sasinam terrarum de le tua Bancheriis cum pertinenciis recepit, et prefata Elizabeth audito hoc commota fuit et omnino negauit aliquam sasinam recipere terrarum de Rayt, et adnullauit sasinam quam dictus magister Johannes attornatus recepit nomine suo quia non ordinauit ipsum in attornatum; et tunc idem Vilelmus thanus solempniter protestatus est quod non incederet sibi in preiudicium neque dampnum penes contractum inter ipsum et baronem de Kilravok quod ipsa Elizabeth negauit sasinam quia defectus non stetit in eo non

obstante dictus Johannes Caldor pro seipso sasinam dictarum terrarum dimidietatis ville de Rayt recepit ut plenius continetur in instrumento sasine. Super quibus omnibus et singulis prefatus Vilelmus thanus a me notario subscripto sibi unum seu plura publicum seu publica instrumentum seu instrumenta fieri petiit. Acta erant hec apud Rait hora quasi undecima ante merediem uel eocirca sub anno mense die indictione et pontificatu quibus supra, presentibus ibidem Roberto Caldor Thoma Caldor Johanne Nicolson Andrea Clunes et Donaldo Makgillereacht cum diuersis aliis testibus ad premissa vocatis pariterque rogatis.

A charter is found at Cawdor, which, though it has no apparent connexion with the family possessions, is of interest for the territorial history of the district. David, first Earl of Crawford by marriage with the Princess Elizabeth, daughter of King Robert II., got in dowry the Barony of Strathnairn and other lands in the North; and the King granted permission to his son-in-law to transact with John Earl of Moray as to the holding of these lands. (Regist. Mag. Sig., p. 172.) About 1450, the fifth Earl gave Ferne in Angus to Sir Walter Lindsay of Beaufort, in exchange for Strathnairn, &c., but the other lands which accompanied it, were still the property of the house of Beaufort.

Carta David Lindsay de Bewfurd data Comiti de Argyle.

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris vel audituris Dauid Lindesay de Bewfurde miles salutem in domino sempiternam. Noueritis me dedisse concessisse vendidisse ac titulo vendicionis alienasse · · · nobili et potenti domino Archibaldo comiti de Ergile Domino Campbell et Lorne ac magistro hospicii supremi domini nostri Regis et heredibus suis omnes et singulas terras meas subscriptas, viz., quartam partem terrarum de Quhilbrane extendentem ad duas marcatas terrarum cum dimidia antiqui extentus, cum castro et fortalicio eiusdem, et quartam partem terrarum de duabus Moyeis extendentem ad duas marcatas cum dimidia antiqui extentus; quartam partem

terrarum de Balcrum extendentem ad octo solidatas et quatuor denariatas antiqui extentus; quartam partem terrarum de Conwichmor extendentem ad sexdecim solidatas et octo denariatas antiqui extentus; quartam partem terrarum de Sanwalle in Glenconwich extendentem ad sexdecim solidatas et octo denariatas antiqui extentus; quartam partem terrarum de Eskadile extendentem ad sexdecim solidatas et octo denariatas antiqui extentus; quartam partem terrarum de Ardewynet extendentem ad sexdecim solidatas et octo denariatas antiqui extentus; quartam partem terrarum de Kyneriche extendentem ad sexdecim solidatas et octo denariatas antiqui extentus; quartam partem terrarum de Moncref extendentem ad sexdecim solidatas et octo denariatas antiqui extentus; quartam partem terrarum de Appathy extendentem ad sexdecim solidatas et octo denariatas antiqui extentus; quartam partem terrarum de Nelstoun extendentem ad octo solidatas et quatuor denariatas; et quartam partem superioriatis omnium et singularum terrarum dominii de Bewfurde michi hereditarie pertinentium cum singulis suis pertinenciis—jacentes in comitatu de Murray et infra vicecomitatum de Inuernes, pro quadam certa summa pecunie michi per dictum dominum comitem in mea urgenti necessitate pre manibus persoluta · · · In cuius rei testimonium sigillum meum huic presenti carte mee est appensum apud Inuernes vicesimo nono die mensis Januarii anno domini millesimo quadringentesimo nonagesimo septimo coram hiis testibus Waltero Murray Johanne Murray Domino Andrea Cunyngham rectore de Lochow Finlaio Maknab de Powayne Carolo M'Arthur Archibaldo Uchiltre Donaldo M'clachlane et Duncano Stewart filio et herede apparente Duugalli Stewart de Deyapyn cum diuersis aliis.

The Secunde Letter of tak off Mekill Geddes and Halff Raitt.

Be it kende till all men be ther present lettres me Alexander Cetone of Tullebody for me and myn ayris to haff set and for maill lattin and be ther my present lettres for me and myne ayris settis and for maill lattis all and hayll my landis of Mekill Geddes and my half of Rait with ther pertenans

and wyth all profyttis at pertenis or may pertene thereto to ane honorabill man Williame thane of Caldor and till his assignais ane or ma for all the termes of nynten yeris next and immediat efter followand the dait of this writ, wyth power to mak subtennandis ane or ma, ande till put in tennandis and out tennandis as plesis him, he ande his assignais ane or ma payand me and myn ayris therfor yerly twentty lib. of the usuall mone of Scotland · · · and atour I mak the sad Williame thane of Caldor my balye of all my sad landis with power to substitut balyeis onder him ane or ma als oft as he thinkis expedient courttis till hald landis to set malis to rays trespassoris to punneis eschettis and amercyamentis to tak and rays my men inhabitaris and induellaris of my said landis befor quhatsumeuir juge or jugis spirituall or temporall to borrow to the fredome and court of my sad landis · · · enduring the sad xix yeris · · · and quhen the sad xix yeris beis compleit and outrynnyn the sad William thane of Caldor or his assignais ane or ma sall haff tak of the sad landis befor all otheris als lang as thai mak me guid payment. And gif it happinis me to annale or sell the sad landis I sall sell thaim to the sad William thane of Caldor or till his assignais better chaip na till ony man. And gif it sall happin as God forbed it sa be that I be ony maner of way sal sell or annale my sad landis till ony man fra the said William thane of Caldor or his assignais I bind and obliss me myn ayris executoris and assignais in the payment of ane thousand lib. of the usuall mone of Scotland to the sad Williame thane off Calder or his assignais for costis skathis and expensis fed magre and trubyll that he has sustenit throw the sad landis · · · In witnes of the quhilk thing to ther my present lettres obligatour I haf hungyn to my seill at Caldor the v day of October the yer of God i^{m} iiij^{c} lxxxvij yeris befor ther witnes Thome the Haye Andro Clunes and Johne Nycholson with diuers otheris.

On the 22d April 1493, Thane William had resigned in the King's hands, his whole lands and thanage of Cawdor. On 2d November 1494, a crown charter was granted in favour of John Caldor, his son and heir, upon which seisin was taken on the 16th and 17th January following. In these writs, the lands of Moy are included, although they

appear to have been in the temporary possession of David Dunbar, while Drynachan, Dawles, and the Culyeachains were not named in the family progress, but were probably included under one or other of the baronies of Boith or Clunes. The following paper is from the charter-room of Kilravock. It is not improbable that the death of John, the young lord of Cawdor, preceded the "next justice aire of Aberdeine."

At Elgin the viij day of Februar the yer of God i^{m} iiij^{c} nynti and sevin yeris, the lordis of consale underwritin, that is to say, reuerend faderis in God, Wilyeame bischop of Abirdene, Andro bischop of Murray, noble and michty lordis George erle of Huntlye Lord Badyenach chancellar of Scotland, Jhone erle of Athole, Andro lord Gray, Jhone lord Drummond, Laurence lord Olephant, Jhone lord Glammys, Jhone postulat of Ross, Master Richard Murehede dene of Glasgow and Secretar to oure sourane lord, Maister Walter Drummond dene of Dunblane and Clerc of the Register, Maister Gawane of Dunbar, dene of Murray, Maister Richard Lausone, and Maister James Henresone, anent the actione and cause persewit be Huchone the Ross of Kilrawic agane Wilyeame thane of Caldor to content and pay to him the soum of ane thousand merkis usuall money of the realme, becaus he failyeit to mak Jhone of Caldor his secund son sikkir of al and sundri his landis and heretagis, and of al uthir heretage that movit be the sade Jhone of Caldor moder, eftir the tenor of the endenturis made betuix him and the said Huchone, and of ane act and decret of our Souerane lordis consale theruppone, like as is at mare lenth contenit in the summondis of the samyn. Bath the sadis partys being personaly present, thare richtis ressonis and allegatiounis being herd sene and understandin, it was allegit be the saide Huchone that the saide Wilyeame thane of Caldor had nocht mad sikkir the sade Jhone, his secund son, in all and sundri his landis and heretage, becaus Dauid Dunbar has sevin pundis worth thairof, callit the landis of Moye, be charter and saising, and apprisit til him efter the forme of our souerane lordis letterez, throw persewt and folowing that he has sustenit costis skaithis dampnage and expensis extending to the saide soum, efter the tenor of the saidis endenturis. And als allegyit be the saide Huchone, that thair was certane othir landis callit Drynahine,

Dawles, the twa Culyeachains and the · · · quhilkis the saide Wilyeame had nocht made the sade Jhone his secund son sikkir of, nor had put him nor his sade spouse in the fee of the sammyn. And allegyit in likewis be the sade Wilyeame, that the saidis landis war annexit and incorporat to his Thanedom of Caldor, and as ane pendicle tharof resignit in oure souerane lordis handis, eftir the tenour of ane instrument producit be him. Thairefore the lordis assignis to the sadis Huchone and Wilyeame the ferd day of the next justice Aire of Aberdene, with continuatioune of dayis, the sade Huchone til preif sufficiently his allegiance abone writin, and the sade Wilyeame to produce his charteris and euidentis that the sadis landis war annexit and incorporat to his sade Thanedom, and resignit in the kingis handis as sade is; and failyeing tharof, that he mak the said Jhone his secund son and his spous, sikker in the landis aboue writin, eftir the tenor of the saidis endenturis · · ·



Sir John Campbell of Cawdor, 17th Feb. 1511.



Dame Muriel of Cawdor, 17th Feb. 1511.

MURIEL.

The next step of the family history is involved in some curious difficulties.

John of Cawdor, the son of Thane William, contracted in marriage to Isabella Rose in 1492—invested in the fee of the Thanedom on his father's resignation in 1494—died in 1498. There had been disputes about the provision for the maintenance of the young couple, and the old Thane and his daughter-in-law were at open war, before the death of her husband. The circumstances of the young widow's family served to aggravate the feud.

"Of this marriage," says the continuator of the Kilravock history, "there was but one posthumous child, viz., Muriel Calder, born after the death of her father, who died in December 1494."—(*Kilravock Family*, p. 174.) The historian is mistaken in more than one particular. It is certain that John of Cawdor must have died between 16th June and

27th August 1498 ; and there were assuredly two daughters of his marriage with Isabella Rose, though, strangely, it is now impossible to ascertain which was the elder—whether or no they were twins—and whether both or only one was posthumous.

The entail of 1488 had, perhaps, at first stimulated the heirs-male—the sons of the old Thane, supported by their supposed uncle, the Precentor of Ross—to dispute the right of their nieces ; but latterly their opposition took the shape of a simple challenge of the legitimacy of Muriel, the surviving daughter of John of Cawdor. The other daughter, Janet, will be found mentioned as one of the co-heiresses so late as 20th January 1499 ; and she does not occur afterwards—her name is not again mentioned—in the documents connected with the dispute which terminated in 1502, in the establishing of Muriel's right as heiress of the Thanedom.

Archibald, second Earl of Argyll, a powerful man in the country and at court, had, immediately upon John of Cawdor's death, obtained a Royal gift of the *marriage* and *ward* of his heir or heirs, male or female, and used that right by bestowing the young Muriel with her ancient thanedom upon his third son, afterwards known as Sir John Campbell of Cawdor, knight ; and from that marriage all the following thanes of Cawdor are descended.

Thane William, the last thane of the old race in the male line, appears to have died in 1503. He left several sons ; his eldest, William, Vicar of Barevan ; 3. Andrew ; 4. Alexander, who married Elizabeth Rose, a daughter of Kilravock, and had from his presumed uncle John, Precentor of Ross, his part of Easter Brachlie, and was also styled, of Clunes ; 5. Hugh, in whose favour his brother William resigned the Sheriffship and Constabulary of Nairn in 1510, and who married Margaret Kinnaird, a daughter of Culbin, and died in 1529. Of the old thane's daughters, Marjory was married to Alexander Fraser of Philorth in 1487 ; Marion to Hutchon Alanson, a Mackintosh, in 1490 ; Margaret to William, son and apparent heir of William Dallas of Budyet.

A word of Janet of Cawdor, the sister of the Lady Muriel. The absence of any mention of her death—the occurrence, many years later, of a Janet Cawdor, (married to an obscure John Rose, alias Bayne,) who had a liferent provision from the lands of Rait, (though she and her husband, in 1542, are designated "tenants" of Half Rait and Little Banchar,) and whom Dame Katherine Campbell, Countess of Crawford, daughter of Sir John and Muriel of Cawdor, calls her "Ant," in a letter of 31st July 1576,—(*Kilravock Family*, p. 268,) have led one zealous investigator of this pedigree to suppose that Janet, the sister of Muriel, actually lived through all the keenly contested succession, unmentioned, and survived it for many years ; that she was married and had children,

who were all content, like their mother, to bury in silence their plain right to a moiety of the heritage of Cawdor. Some of the circumstances connected with the mention of the two sisters, and the disappearance of Janet after 1499, are difficult to be accounted for. But no such embarrassment must lead us to dispute or doubt, what is established by a body of legal evidence of the most complete kind, that Muriel alone survived as heir of the marriage of John of Cawdor and Isabella Rose.

William, Thane of Cawdor, used this seal at Cawdor, 17th January 1501. It is on a small paper document at Kilravock, backed "The acquyttans of the Releyff of Kylraock vnder the thayne of Caldor seyll."



LITERA MARITAGII ET WARDE PRO ARCHIBALDO COMITE DE ERGILE.

Jacobus Dei gratia Rex Scotorum omnibus probis hominibus suis ad quos presentes litere peruenerint salutem. Sciatis quod dedimus et concessimus ac tenore presentium damus et concedimus dilecto consanguineo et conciliario nostro Archibaldo Comiti de Ergile heredibus suis et assignatis pluribus aut uni maritagium heredis vel heredum masculi vel femine masculorum vel feminarum quondam Johannis Caldor filii et heredis apparentis Willelmi Thani de Caldor ac feoditarii terrarum et dominii de Caldor, unacum warda omnium et singularum terrarum reddituum et possessionum que dicto quondam Johanni in feodo pertinebant seu prefato Willelmo pertinent nunc existentium vel cum existere seu deuenire contigerint in manibus nostris vel successorum nostrorum ante perfectam etatem predicti heredis vel heredum cum omnibus firmis proficuis et deuoriis earundem

terrarum et reddituum semper et quousque prefatus heres vel heredes masculi vel femine statum et sasinam de eisdem optinuerit seu optinuerint. Tenenda et habenda predicta maritagium et wardam omnium predictarum terrarum reddituum et possessionum unacum firmis et proficüis earundem usque ad introitum legittimum predicti heredis vel heredum masculi vel femine masculorum vel feminarum dicto Archibaldo Comiti de Ergile heredibus suis et assignatis pluribus aut uni cum potestate disponendi de dictis maritagio heredis vel heredum masculi vel femine masculorum vel feminarum dicti quondam Johannis quem quos vel quas ad ipsius hereditatem succedere contigerit, necnon super predicta warda cum contigerit, prout dictis Archibaldo heredibus suis et assignatis magis videbitur expediens conueniens et opportunum libere quiete bene et in pace sine aliqua reuocacione aut contradictione quacunque. Quare uniuersis et singulis quorum interest vel interesse poterit stricte precipimus et mandamus quatenus dictis Archibaldo heredibus suis et assignatis pluribus aut uni in omnibus et singulis predicta maritagia et wardam ut premittitur concernentibus prompte respondeant pareant et intendant sub omni pena que competere poterit in hac parte. Datum sub magno sigillo nostro apud Striueling vicesimo septimo die mensis Augusti anno domini millesimo quadringentesimo nonagesimo octauo et regni nostri undecimo.

The next important Instrument is docqueted in the old Thane's own hand,

ANE INSTRUMENT OF THE DAY OF THE BYRTH OF ISSOBELL ROIS DOUCHTER.

In dei nomine amen. Per hoc presens publicum instrumentum cunctis pateat euidenter quod anno domini millesimo quadringentesimo nonagesimo octauo mensis uero Februarii die decima quinta indictione secunda pontificatus sanctissimi in Christo patris ac domini nostri Domini Alexandri diuina disponente clementia pape sexti anno septimo, in mei notarii publici et testium subscriptorum presencia personaliter constitutus nobilis vir Vilelmus Caldor de eodem dixit declarauit et publice manifestauit quod licet

Kilrawok coniunctim et diuisim tutores datiuos et gubernatores Jonete Caldor et Murielle Caldor filiarum et heredum quondam Johannis Caldor de eodem ac administratores omnium et singularum terrarum suarum annuorum reddituum et possessionum bonorumque omnium mobilium et immobilium quorumcunque usque ad ipsarum legittimam etatem. Prouiso tamen quod dicti tutores datiui faciant et perimpleant dictis Jonete et Murielle dum ad etatem peruenerint legittimam, omnia et singula que tutores datiui de jure seu consuetudine regni nostri facere et perimplere tenentur, et cum ad etatem peruenerint legittimam fidele computum et raciocinium de dictis terris redditibus firmis et bonis suis sibi et proximioribus amicis suis reddant. Quare uniuersis et singulis quorum interest vel interesse poterit stricte precipimus et mandamus quatenus dictis Archibaldo et Hugoni tanquam tutoribus datiuis dictarum Jonete et Murielle per nos constitutis et suis factoribus in omnibus et singulis dictum officium tutoris datiui concernentibus prompte respondeant pareant et intendant sub omni pena que competere poterit in hac parte. Datum sub testimonio magni sigilli nostri apud Striuelin decimo sexto die mensis Januarii anno domini millesimo quadringentesimo nonagesimo nono et regni nostri duodecimo.

A notarial Instrument taken "in hospitio dicti Comitis infra burgum de Striveling," on the 20th January 1499, bears that :—

Nobilis ac potens dominus Archibaldus Comes Ergadie Dominus de Campbel et Lorn tanquam tutor datiuus et actornatus Murielle Cauder et Jonete Cauder filiarum et heredum quondam Johannis Cauder de eodem prout michi notario publico subscripto luculenter constabat, quasdam literas tutorie et actornati michi notario publico subscripto perlegendas presentauit, post quarumquidem literarum tutorie et actornati inspectionem et lectionem predictus nobilis et potens Dominus tanquam tutor datiuus et actornatus prefatarum Murielle et Jonete presentauit et deliberauit unum breue capelle regie nobili viro Johanni Striueling de Cragbarnat tanquam vicecomiti in hac parte de Elgin Fores Bamfe et Inuernes ipsum requi-

rendo quatenus prefati breuis executionem debitam secundum formam et tenorem commissionis supremi domini nostri Regis sibi desuper directe legittime faceret.

The proceedings of the "Sheriff in that part," though very long, must be given in full. It records the last occurrence of Jonet, one of the two co-heiresses :—

In dei nomine amen. Per hoc presens publicum instrumentum cunctis pateat euidenter quod anno incarnacionis dominice millesimo quadringentesimo nonagesimo nono mensis vero Januarii die vicesimo septimo indictione tercia pontificatus sanctissimi in Christo patris ac domini nostri Domini Alexandri diuina disponente clementia pape sexti anno octauo necnon coronatus inuictissimi ac illustrissimi domini nostri Domini Scotorum regis Jacobi quarti, anno duodecimo, in mei notarii publici ac testium subscriptorum personaliter constitutus honorabilis vir Johannes Stirlyng de Cragbarnard in pretorio de Inuernes comparuit, et ibidem presentauit ac me notarium publicum subscriptum perlegere supplicauit quamdam supremi domini nostri Regis commissionem sub magni sigilli in alba cera testimoniali, dictum Johannem de Banff Elgin Fores Narne et Inuernes ut vicecomitem in hac parte creantem ad exequenda breuia inquisicionis capelle domini nostri Regis impetrata seu impetranda per Muriellam Caldor et Jonetam Caldor filias et heredes quondam Johannis Caldor de eodem super terris et annuis redditibus jacentibus infra dictos vicecomitatus eis per ipsius decessum spectantibus necnon dans et concedens dicto in hac parte vicecomiti plenariam potestatem et mandatum speciale curiam seu curias dictorum vicecomitatuum pro executione dictorum breuium statuendi inchoandi affirmandi et tenendi dicta breuia recipiendi aperiendi proclamandi et eisdem debite deseruiri faciendi ac probos et fideles patrie ad deseruitionem eorundem premuniendi, et eosdem jurari faciendi et per huiusmodi probos et fideles super punctis et articulis in dictis breuibus contentis determinari et deliberari faciendi, ac deliberacionem eorundem ut moris est capelle regie retornandi, necnon officiarios

et ministros pro premissis necessarios substituendi ordinandi deputandi et jurari faciendi, tenor cuius commissionis sequitur et est talis:

Jacobus dei gracia Rex Scotorum omnibus probis hominibus suis ad quos presentes litere peruenerint salutem. Sciatis quod fecimus constituimus et ordinauimus ac tenore presencium facimus constituimus et ordinamus dilectos nostros familiares seruitores Patricium Creichtoun de Cransthoun Riddale militem Johannem Stirlyng de Cragbernard Walterum Lesly et Dauid Forsyth ac eorum quemlibet coniunctim et diuisim vicecomites nostros de Banff Elgin Fores Narne et Inuernes in hac parte et ad infrascripta duntaxat, videlicet ad exequenda breuia inquisicionum capelle nostre impetrata seu impetranda per Muriellam Caldor et Jonetam Caldor filias et heredes quondam Johannis Caldor de eodem super terris et annuis redditibus jacentibus infra dictos nostros vicecomitatus eis per ipsius decessum spectantibus, dans et concedens dictis vicecomitibus nostris in hac parte et eorum cuilibet coniunctim et diuisim nostram plenariam potestatem et mandatum speciale curiam seu curias dictorum nostrorum vicecomitatuum pro executione dictorum breuium statuendi inchoandi affirmandi et tenendi, dicta breuia recipiendi aperiendi proclamandi et eadem debite deseruiri faciendi, ac probos et fideles patrie ad diseruitionem eorundem premuniendi, et eosdem jurari faciendi et per huiusmodi probos et fideles super punctis et articulis in dictis breuibus contentis determinari et deliberari faciendi, ac deliberacionem eorundem ut moris est capelle nostre retornandi necnon officiarios et ministros pro premissis necessarios substituendi ordinandi deputandi et jurari faciendi, et omnia alia et singula faciendi gerendi et exercendi que ad officium vicecomitis in hac parte pro premissis et circa ea necessaria fuerint seu opportuna. Ratum et gratum habens et habiturus totum et quicquid dicti vicecomites in hac parte seu eorum aliquis coniunctim et diuisim aut sui officiarii vel ministri in premissis rite duxerint seu duxerit faciendum. Quare uniuersis et singulis quorum interesset vel interesse poterit stricte precipimus et mandamus quatinus dictis vicecomitibus nostris in hac parte ac eorum cuilibet coniunctim et diuisim ac officiariis et ministris suis in omnibus et singulis premissa tangentibus prompte respondeant pareant et intendant sub omni pena que competere poterit in hac parte. Datum sub

testimonio magni sigilli nostri apud Sanctum Andream penultimo die mensis Decembris anno regni nostri duodecimo.

Post cuiusquidem commissionis lecturam dictus in hac parte vicecomes pro deseruitione dictorum breuium tunc temporis officiarios et ministros substituit ordinauit deputauit et jurari fecit, videlicet Dominum Johannem Dyngwell notarium publicum et Gilbertum Waus clericos coniunctim et diuisim Unfra Bontin suetorem Johannem Stirlyng legislatorem et Vilhelmum Stirlyng clientem, cum quibusquidem officiariis dictus in hac parte vicecomes pro deseruitione dictorum breuium in nomine supremi domini nostri Regis et nomine ipsius in hac parte vicecomitis sine mora et dilacione curiam vicecomitis de Inuernes statuit inchoauit affirmauit et tenuit, coram quidem in hac parte vicecomite in pretorio de Inuernes die mense anno pontificatu coronatu et indictione supradictis hora quasi decima vel eocirca, comparuit honorabilis vir Dugallus Macmulcallome tanquam actornatus Murielle Caldor unius filiarum et heredum quondam Johannis Caldor de eodem in omnibus negociis et loquelis placitis et querelis motis seu mouendis ipsam Muriellam tangentibus seu tangere valentibus quibuscunque diebus et locis contra quoscunque et coram quibuscunque. Et dictus Dugallus actornatus nomine et ex parte dicte Murielle Caldor super omnibus et singulis per dictum in hac parte vicecomitem factis et creatis ac fiendis et creandis quantum ad dicte commissionis deseruitionem a me notario publico subscripto petiit unum vel plura publicum vel publica instrumentum seu instrumenta. Acta erant hec in loco etc. predictis coram subscriptis testibus. Insuper ulterius dictus in hac parte vicecomes pro deseruitione dictorum breuium inquisitionum per Muriellam Caldor capelle Regis impetratorum alios officiarios et ministros insuspectos substituit ordinauit deputauit et jurari fecit videlicet Gilbertum Waus clericum, Donaldum Jenor legislatorem, Johannem Skynner et Patricium Millar suetores, Vilhelmum Dalcors Henricum Symonis et Alexandrum Gaufridi clientes, cum quibusquidem officiariis et ministris dictus in hac parte vicecomes cum dicto breui seu breuibus per Muriellam Caldor impetrato seu impetratis ad crucem foralem burgi de Inuernes accessit et ibidem dicta breuia seu dictum breue aperuit et Wilhelmum Dalcors unum dictorum clientum constituit et ordinauit dicta breuia seu

dictum breue cum omnibus articulis et punctis in eisdem contentis determinandum seu determinanda in pretorio de Inuernes coram dicto vicecomite in hac parte die Martis undecimo die mensis Februarii proximo et immediate sequentis hora causarum; et in eadem proclamacione precipuit et mandauit omnes et singulos si qui sunt qui impedire valeant contra punctos et articulos in dicto breui seu breuibus contento seu contentis, quod dictis die et loco compareant ad impediendum ut moris est. Insuper in dicta proclamacione idem vicecomes in hac parte mandauit et premuniuit omnes probos et fideles in predictis de Banff Elgin Fores Narne et Inuernes vicecomitatibus inhabitantes siue degentes ad comparendum dictis die loco et hora super punctis et articulis in dicto breui seu breuibus contento aut contentis ad determinandum et deliberandum et hoc secondum tenorem commissionis dicte necnon breuis per Muriellam Caldor impetrati. Tenor vero cuius breuis incipit et est talis—Jacobus dei gracia Rex Scotorum etc.—et finit sic—Et hoc breue teste meipso apud Sanctum Andream penultimo die mensis Decembris anno regni nostri duodecimo. Super dicta quidem proclamacione et omnibus aliis et singulis in eadem vero contentis articulis et punctis secundum dicti breuis tenorem supradictus Dugallus Murielle Caldor actornatus nomine et ex parte eiusdem a me notario publico subscripto petiit unum vel plura publicum uel publica instrumentum seu instrumenta. Acta erant hec apud crucem foralem dicti burgi de Inuernes et eiusdem pretorium horis decima ante merediem et undecima ante merediem uel eo circa sub anno die mense indictione pontificatu ac coronatu. Presentibus ibidem honorabilibus viris Johanne Ogiluy constabulario castri supremi domini nostri Regis, Johanne Grant, Donaldo Marchell et Vilhelmo Thomsoun dicti burgi de Inuernes balliuis, Johanne Athlyk Johanne Michelsoun et Jacobo Donaldsoun dicti burgi burgensibus testibus cum diuersis aliis ad premissa vocatis specialiter et rogatis.

Four days after these judicial proceedings, Argyle and Hugh Rose of Kilravok entered into a mutual bond of maintenance and friendship. The bond is not preserved at Kilravok, but the genealogist of the family, who had seen it, informs us that it was dated February 1, 1499, "and was granted, as we have the tradition, at her (Muriel's) giving up," to be carried into Argyle.

Shaw's version of the current tradition of the carrying off of the young heiress, must not be omitted ;—

Muiriel was the heir of an opulent fortune, and 'tis but reasonable to think that Kilravock had it in view to marry her to his own grandson, rather than to a stranger, whereupon he took both her and her mother into his family. But such a fortune could not long escape the notice of others ; and when the Earl of Argyle came to the knowledge of it, he contrived to bring it into his own family, for which he had at this time a favourable opportunity. Kilravock being prosecuted by the laird of Cromartie for the spoil of his lands, Argyle, who was justice-general over all Scotland, made this process easy for him ; and to obtain that favour, Kilravock agreed to deliver up to him his grandchild. In pursuance of this agreement, Argyle and Kilravok obtained a gift of tutors dative, and the ward of her marriage was granted to Argyle, by the king's gift, of date 16th January 1495. The child was kept in the house of Kilravok ; and Argyle granted Kilravok a bond of maintenance and friendship, dated 1st February 1499 ; and in harvest thereafter, sent Campbel of Inverliver with sixty men, to receive the child, to bring her to Inverary. The lady Kilravok, grandmother of the child, being told that she should soon be restored to her, that she might not be changed, seared or marked her hip with the key of her trunk or coffer. As Inverliver was near to Daltulich, in his way with little Muiriel, he found himself close pursued by Alexander and Hugh Calders (the child's uncles) with a superior party. Having sent off the child with an escort of six men, Inverliver faced about to stop the Calders ; and to deceive them, a sheaf of corn was dressed in some of the child's clothes, and kept by one in the rear. The conflict was sharp, and several were killed, among whom were eight of Inverliver's sons. When Inverliver thought that the child was out of the reach of her uncles, he retreated, leaving the fictitious child to the pursuers. Muiriel was safely brought to Inverary, and about the year 1510, married to Sir John Campbell, second or third son of Argyle, and thereby he got the estate of Calder. Inverliver was rewarded with the 20 lib. land of Inverliver. 'Tis said, that in the heat of the skirmish with the Calders, Inver-

liver had cried,—*'S fhada glaodh o Lochow! 'S fhada cobhair o chlann dhoaine!* which has become a proverb, signifying imminent danger and distant relief. This is the traditional account of the Campbells' obtaining the estate of Calder, in which there is nothing improbable.

Another Instrument is taken on the 11th February 1499. If the Precentor was a good lawyer and Latinist, it would seem that the Notary has not done him justice. The Instrument bears that,—

In curia vicecomitis de Inuernes tenta inchoata et affirmata per nobilem virum Johannem Sterlyng vicecomitem in hac parte virtute commissionis supremi domini nostri Regis specialiter ad hoc deputatum in pretorio burgi de Inuernes meique notarii publici et testium subscriptorum presencia personaliter constitutus circumspectus vir magister Johannes Caldor precentor ecclesie cathedralis [Rossensis prolocutor honorabilis eciam viri Vilhelmi Thani de Caldor et Andree Caldor filii sui et heredis apparentis ut asseruit post lecturam cuiusdam breuis capelle domini nostri Regis per nobilem et potentem dominum Archibaldum comitem Ergadie et tutorem datiuum Murielle Caldor filie et heredis asserte quondam Johannis Caldor terrarum dominii de Caldor impetrati idem prolocutor allegauit quod sepedictus Johannes Stirlyng vicecomes in hac parte fuit suspectus judex ex et pro eo quod fuit seruus et familiarius dicto Archibaldo Comiti Ergadie et patri suo defuncto et quod dictus vicecomes in hac parte fuit in potestate dicti comitis in tanto quod fuit et est senescallus supremo domino nostro Regi et dictus comes magister hospicii predicto domino nostro Regi; et quod dictus vicecomes in hac parte non juridice potuit intromittere se in deseruitione breuium supremi domini nostri Regis nisi in defectu vicecomitis principalis eiusdem vicecomitatus ut ipse asseruit cauetur plane et habetur in lege libro tercio Regie Maiestatis ubi sic dicit, judex delegatus non potest interponere partes suas nisi judex ordinarius prius fuerat legittime recusatus, eciam cum quis succedit in jure alterius justam ignorancie causam censetur habere sed sic non

est in casu isto quo commissio concessa est non propter justam causam nulla est, quare in principali vicecomite et priore non erat causa ignorancie nec suspicionis probatur clare, quare apud eum non erat deuoluta causa, et istas exceptiones dictus prolocutor admitti petiit et per curiam declarari; qui vero vicecomes partes absentari precepit et in dicta curia ab assessoribus suis declaracionem dictarum exceptionum petiit et partes iterum intrare precepit et has exceptiones invalidas invenit et parti declarauit; et tunc dictus prolocutor de istis exceptionibus rationabilibus per eum propositis et non admissis inherens prime protestationi de remedio juris, protestatus est non quantum in se erat affirmando curiam. Super quibus omnibus et singulis dictus Magister Johannes procuratorio nomine quo supra a me notario publico subscripto sibi fieri petiit unum seu plura publicum seu publica instrumentum uel instrumenta. Acta erant hec in pretorio predicto hora quasi undecima ante merediem uel eocirca sub anno die mense indictione et pontificatu quibus supra. Presentibus ibidem reuerendo in christo patre Andrea episcopo Morauiensi Johanne Cumyn de Ernsyd Vilhelmo Munro de Foulis Johanne Ogilwy vicecomite deputato de Inuernes Johanne Kennedy Dauide Dunbar de Durris Vilhelmo Dolas de Cantra Gilberto Waus clerico et domino Johanne Dingwaill notario publico cum diuersis aliis testibus ad premissa vocatis pariter et rogatis.

The following protest is dated 1st July 1500. The old Thane has written the prefixed docquet upon it, but only one of his "twa Instruments" has been preserved.

"THE TWA INSTRUMENTIS TANE IN SANT ANDROSS THAT I DYD DELYGENCE."

In venerabilium et circumspectorum virorum magistrorum Dauid Meldrum canonici Dunkeldensis ac officialis Sancti Andree principalis ac Johannis Young dicte ecclesie Dunkeldensis canonici, meique notarii publici et testium subscriptorum presencia personaliter comparuit magister Johannes Andree procurator et eo nomine Andree Cawdar heredis ut dicitur quondam Johannis Cawder eius fratris de cuius procurationis mandato

liquide constabat documento, et quandam commissionem reuerendi in cristo patris ac domini Andree dei et apostolice sedis gratia Episcopi Morauiensis sub eius rotundo sigillo sigillatam sub data octaui Maii anno domini etc. quingentesimo, prefatis domino officiali et magistro Johanni Young et aliis in hac parte collegis directam eisdem judicialiter sedentibus presentauit ac requisiuit eosdem quatenus juxta formam huiusmodi commissionis procedere voluerint; qui dominus Officialis et magister Johannes Young responderunt quod si poterat constare de consensu partis alterius in ipsa commissione nominate prout de jure procederent. Et quia nec Muriella Cawdar filia ut dicitur quondam Johannis Cawder in ipsis literis ex aduerso principaliter nominata nec eius tutor aut procurator protunc comparuit, idem magister Johannes procuratorio nomine quo supra solemniter protestatus est attento quod ex parte dicti Andree fuerat ligitima diligencia quo ad executionem huiusmodi commissionis et breuis in eadem inserti ut premittitur facta, et quod pars dicte Murielle minime comparuit prout asseritur promisit, quod quo ad suam hereditatem nullum preiudicium generetur nec quod currat sibi tempus in jure positum, ad prosequendum breue regium in premissis per eum impetratum cum aliis protestationibus de jure necessariis et opportunis. Super quibus omnibus et singulis prefatus magister Johannes procuratorio nomine quo supra a me notario publico subscripto sibi fieri petiit unum seu plura publicum seu publica instrumentum seu instrumenta. Acta erant hec in ecclesia fratrum predicatorum infra Ciuitatem hora decima ante merediem sub anno mense die indictione et pontificatu quibus supra. Presentibus ibidem venerabilibus viris magistris Willelmo Prestoun Thoma Esplane Simone Campion Valtero Hantoun Johanne Vilsone cum diversis aliis testibus ad premissa vocatis pariter et rogatis.

The next document may not be very important. It seems to show that the Baron of Kilravock had changed his views in regard to his daughter's infeftment of dowry lands.

Honorabilis vir Johannes Ogilby vicecomes de Inuernes in hac parte specialiter deputatus, michi notario publico subscripto quandam cartam pergameno scriptam et magno sigillo supremi Domini nostri Regis sigilla-

tam, quodque sigillum ut apparebat in infima sexte partis lacerabatur tradidit perlegendam; de coniuncta infeodacione prout in eadem carta plenius et efficacius continetur pertinenti quondam Johanni Caldor filio et heredi quondam apparenti Vilhelmo Thano de Caldor necnon et Elizabeth relicte quondam dicti Johannis Caldor ac eorum alteri diucius viuenti necnon et ipsorum heredibus inter ipsos legitime procreatis, terrarum dimidietatis de Rait et terrarum de le twa Banchariis cum omnibus suis pertinenciis, quamquidem cartam a fine ad finem perlegi, incipiens sic—Jacobus Dei gratia Rex Scotorum omnibus hominibus tocius terre sue clericis et laicis salutem etc. et finit sic—apud Inuernes tertio die mensis Februarii anno domini millesimo quadringentesimo nonagesimo septimo et regni nostri decimo. Post cuiusquidem carte lecturam supradictus vicecomes deputatus eandem cartam Hugoni Rois baroni de Kilraok tanquam procuratori et factori prefate Elizabeth Rois relicte quondam dicti Johannis Caldor per proprias manus tradidit et deliberauit, qui quidem Hugo Rois eandem cartam ut factor et procurator predicte Elizabeth Rois accepit et ab eodem deputato predicto literas sasinarum unacum instrumentis documentis et euidenciis super huiusmodi confectis sibi petiit deliberari. Tunc dictus deputatus asseruit ipsum non obtinuisse aliquas illa carta excepta, et si habuisset aut optinuisset quod deliberaret et daret, sicut cartam dedit et deliberauit. Tunc dictus Hugo Rois protestatus est, quod non esset sibi aut supradicte Elizabeth in ceterum in preiudicium carencia dictarum literarum et instrumentorum et specialiter de obligacione inter ipsos Hugonem Rois ex parte una et supradictum Vilhelmum thanum de Caldor partibus ab altera facta et contracta; considerando quod ipse Hugo Rois de Kilraok desiderauit et petiit eandem obligacionem et literas euidencias documenta et iustrumenta dicte Elizabet Rois pertinentia secundum mandatum formam et effectum literarum supremi domini nostri Regis. Super quibus omnibus et singulis dictus Hugo Rois a me notario publico subscripto sibi fieri petiit unum vel plura publicum seu publica instrumentum aut instrumenta. Acta erant hec in vico ecclesie parochialis burgi de Inuernes hora duodecima meridiana uel eocirca sub anno mense die indictione et pontificatu quibus supra. Presentibus ibidem circumspectis viris Johanne Macgillelane capellano perpetuo ecclesie parochialis de Inuernes Thoma

Gordoun in Strade Vilhelmo Sutherland et Andrea Currour testibus ad premissa vocatis specialiterque rogatis.

This was the period of the acquisition of some property by John the Precentor of Ross, the benefactor of his nephews. Of one tenement obtained by him under reversion, the redemption money was payable upon the Altar of St. Modan, in Nairn.

An Instrument taken on 20th April 1501, bears that—

Personaliter comparuit honorabilis vir Michael Balfour de Bourly vicecomes vicecomitatuum de Inuernes Narne Elgyne Foras et Banf in hac parte per commissionem supremi domini nostri regis specialiter constitutus in pretorio burgi de Edinburght ad instanciam nobilis et potentis domini Archibaldi comitis Ergadie Domini Campbell et Lorne tutoris datiui Murielle Caldor filie et heredis quondam Johannis Caldor et ibidem coram dicto vicecomite magister Jacobus Henrisone prolocutor dicti domini comitis, nomine et ex parte dicte Murielle presentauit et deliberauit dicto vicecomiti quandam commissionem dicti supremi domini nostri regis in pergameno scriptam et sub testimonio magni sigilli eiusdem domini nostri regis sigillatam et dicto vicecomiti cum certis suis collegiis directam, pro deseruitione quorundam breuium inquisitionis capelle regie per dictam Muriellam impetratorum seu impetrandorum super terris et annuis redditibus dicti quondam Johannis patris sui cum pertinenciis jacentibus infra dictos vicecomitatus de Inuernes Narne Elgyne Foras et Banf et sibi Murielle pertinentibus racione decessus dicti quondam Johannis sui patris; quaquidem commissione ibidem publice perlecta dictus magister Jacobus Henrisone prolocutor ut supra ac nomine et ex parte dicte Murielle instanter requisiuit dictum vicecomitem quatenus curiam seu curias dictorum vicecomitatuum de Inuernes Narne Elgyne Foras et Banf necnon ministros et officiarios pro deseruitione dictorum breuium necessarios eligere faceret affirmare et jurare; quiquidem vicecomes in dicto pretorio sedens et requisitionem ipsius magistri Jacobi Henrisone fore justam et racioni consonam attendens elegit Petrum Marche notarium publicum in eius clericum Andream Lowrenston seriandum et officiarium et Robertum Conkirgud sectatorem et le

dempstar huiusmodi curie pro aliis ministris et officiariis in eadem fiendis pro executione et deseruitione dictorum breuium impetratorum seu impetrandorum. Quosquidem officiarios et ministros videlicet Petrum Marche clericum Andream Lourenston seriandum et officiarium ac Robertum Conkirgude sectatorem et le dempstar sic electos et eorum quemlibet per se ad sancta Dei evangelia jurare fecit super fideli administratione in eorum officiis durante dicta curia. Quibus ministris et officiariis ut premittur electis, et de eorum fideli administracione fienda juratis prefatus vicecomes curiam dictorum vicecomitatuum de Inuernes Narne Elgyne Foras et Banf ibidem inchoare affirmare et fensare fecit. Super quibus omnibus et singulis prefatus magister Jacobus Henrisone prolocutor dicti domini comitis nomine quo supra a me notario publico subscripto sibi fieri petiit hoc presens publicum instrumentum. Acta erant hec in dicto pretorio burgi de Edinburght hora quasi undecima ante merediem vel eocirca sub anno mense die indictione et pontificatu quibus supra. Presentibus ibidem honorabilibus viris videlicet Jacobo Sandelandis de Caldor Johanne Ogiluy de Fyngaske militibus, magistris Ricardo Lausone clerico Justiciarie domini nostri regis generali Thoma Grenlaw vicario de Arth Jacobo Logane vicecomite deputato de Edinburght Archibaldo Uchiltre Patricio Culquhone et Jacobo Meldrum testibus ad premissa vocatis specialiter et rogatis.

Another of the same date narrates that in the same court—

Nobilis et potens dominus Archibaldus comes Ergadie dominus Campbell et Lorne tutor datiuus Murielle Caldor filie et heredis quondam Johannis Caldor, quoddam breue inquisicionis capelle dicti supremi domini nostri regis nomine et ex parte dicte Murielle dicto vicecomiti presentauit et deliberauit et dictum breue aperiri et proclamari instanter petiit. Quod breue in dicta curia dictus Michael Balfoure vicecomes antedictus reuerentia qua decuit recepit et tunc post deliberacionem et recepcionem dicti breuis prefatus Archibaldus comes Ergadie tutor ut supra et eo nomine, et magister Jacobus Henrisone eius prolocutor instanter requisiuit dictum vicecomitem quatenus curiam seu curias dictorum vicecomitatuum de

Inuernes Narne Elgyne Foras et Banf pro deseruitione dicti breuis impetrati seu breuium impetrandorum legalem seu legales faceret, necnon ministros et officiarios dicte curie seu curiarum pro premissis necessarios, ceteraque omnia alia et singula que ad eius officium spectet et pertinet ydonea faceret et legalia prout in dicta commissione plenius cauetur et habetur et secundum tenorem eiusdem commissionis. Quaquidem requisicione tanquam justa et racioni consona per dictum vicecomitem recepta et admissa idem vicecomes ex tunc immediate vocare et intrare fecit in dicta curia Jacobum Young et Ricardum Mekill notarios publicos quos constituit et ordinauit clericos dicte curie seu curiarum, necnon Alexandrum Thomsone Johannem Coupar et Duncanum Riche seriandos et officiarios huiusmodi curie seu curiarium, ac Adam Corssnap et Johannem Chamyr sectatores et le dempstar predicte curie seu curiarum. Quasquidem personas et officiarios sic ut premittitur constitutos electos et ordinatos coniunctim et diuisim et eorum quemlibet per se singillatim idem vicecomes ad sancta dei evangelia jurare fecit quod veritatem in suis officiis quo ad deseruitionem dicti breuis per dictam Muriellam impetrati seu breuium impetrandorum obseruarent et ministrarent. Quibus sic peractis dictus vicecomes dictum breue per ipsum receptum dictis Johanni Coupare et Duncano Riche suis officiariis et seriandis tunc juratis apertum tradidit, et dictis seriandis seu officiariis in mandatis dedit quatenus cum dicto breui transiret seu transirent ad crucem fori burgorum de Inuernes Narne Elgyne Foras et Banf, et ibidem coniunctim seu diuisim proclamaret seu proclamarent huiusmodi breue deseruiturum fore in pretorio burgi de Edinburgh coram dicto vicecomite aut suis collegis in dicta commissione contentis pluribus aut uno coniunctim seu diuisim decimo quinto die mensis Julii proximo futuri. Quem diem partibus quorum interest pro justicia ministranda limitaret et assignaret limitarent seu assignarent cum effectu. Super quibus omnibus et singulis prefatus magister Jacobus Henrisone prolocutor dicti domini comitis nomine quo supra a me notario publico subscripto sibi fieri petiit presens publicum instrumentum. Acta erant hec in pretorio burgi de Edinburght in plana curia hora undecima ante merediem vel eocirca sub anno mense die indictione et pontificatu quibus supra. Presentibus ibidem honorabilibus viris videlicet Jacobo Sandelandis de Caldor Johanne Ogiluy

de Fyngaske militibus, magistris Ricardo Lausone clerico Justiciarie domini nostri regis generali Thoma Grenlaw vicario de Arth Jacobo Logane vicecomite deputato de Edinburght Archibaldo Uchiltre Patricio Culquhone et Jacobo Meldrum testibus ad premissa vocatis specialiter et rogatis.

Another notarial Instrument is here given, though it interrupts the series of Muriel's affairs, because it illustrates an uncommon procedure of "breaking of seisin." It narrates that on the 29th May 1501.

Honorabilis vir Vilelmus thanus de Caldour personaliter comparuit in villa de Mekill Geddes jacente in vicecomitatu de Narn, et exposuit quod ad aures eius deuenit quod in ferea quinta immediate precedenti scilicet vicesima septima die prefate mensis maii quod quidam Georgius Currour nomine et ex parte Georgii Ogilby filii et apparentis heredis honorabilis viri Valteri Ogilby de Boune sumpsit sasinam de terris de Mekill Geddes et dimidietatis ville de Rayt cum pertinenciis apud Geddes et Rait tanquam terre appreciate domino nostro Regi ob defectum introitus Alexandri Ceton de Tullebody et domini dictarum terrarum ut asserebatur, et empte per prefatum Georgium Ogilby et suum patrem Valterum Ogilby a supremo domino nostro rege. Et idem thanus publicauit intimauit et insinuauit mihi notario publico et testibus subscriptis quandam cartam cum precepto et instrumento sasine sibi et heredibus suis hereditarie ab ante confectam in feoda firma, soluendo inde annuatim xx^{li} lib. dicto Alexandro et heredibus suis, vigore quorum sue possessionis, idem thanus disrupit et fregit prefatam pretensam sasinam quam prefatus Georgius Ogilby cepit per suum actornatum siue procuratorem antedictum, et in signum cuius fregit discum et in igne proiecit infra principalem aulam siue domum de Geddes ut moris est regni in fractione sasine. Et insuper solempniter protestatus est quod sasina capta et habita per prefatum Georgium sibi et heredibus suis non cederet in preiudicium aliquale, et quod tempus sibi non curreret dato quod immediate non prosequeretur disruptionem prefate sasine, attento quod habuit multa alia peractura penes hereditatem suam thanagii de Caldour inter eum et nobilem dominum Archibaldum comitem de Argille.

Notarial Instruments were the common arms of both parties in the quarrel; and it is in one of these, taken on the 16th July 1501, that the following compact is engrossed "*cujus tenor in vulgari sequitur:*"—

On the xvj day of Julii the yeir of God a thousand five hundreth and ane yeir, in the plane courte of Inuernes Narne Elgyne Fores and Banf haldin in the tolbuth of Edinburght before Michel Balfour of Burly Shiref of the said Shirefdomes in that parte be our soueran lordis commissioun specially constitute Archibald Erle of Ergile tutor datife to Muriell Caldor with his forspekare Maister James Henrisone on the ta parte, Maister Mathow Ker and Maister Johnne Caldor procuratouris for Andro Caldor on the tother parte has consentit anent the action of Bastardy proponit be the saidis procuratouris agane the said Muriell in this wise as efter folowis; that is to say that the saidis procuratouris, and als the said Erle of Ergile has consentit that the Officiale principale of Sanctandris sal be juge in this mater, and that this party proponare of this excepcioun sal make the said Erle or Maister James Henrisone quhilk he admittis as lauchful procuratour for him to be summond outher personaly or at thare duelling placis to ansuere to the libell to be proponit and maid within twenty a dais nixt hereftir folowand, and that the said libell sal contene the excepcioun of Bastardry apone the quhilke the spirituale juge may knaw. And baitht the saidis parteis has consentit that the said spirituale juge prefix a terme to this party proponare of this excepcioun to persew and end the samyne and do his deligence thereupon, as the juge thinkis expedient; eftir the quhilk and there be ony falt into thame that thai sall nocht be hard in ony proponyne of ony excepcioun of Bastardry in tyme to cum, and in likwise and thai falze in ony uther thing for thare part as is abone writin that thai sal nocht in likewise be herd to propone the said excepcioun of bastardry. In witnes herof baith the saidis parteis has subscriuit this writt with thare handis before thir witnes Hew Lord Montgumry Henry Lord Sinclare Duncan Campbell of Glennurquhare Master Richard Lausone and Petir Marche notare with uther diuers.

The next bears that on the 21st January 1501.

Honorabilis vir Vilelmus thanus de Caldour personaliter comparuit in curia vicecomitatus de Narn tenta per Johannem Rois vicecomitem deputatum dicti *burgi* et ibidem inuenit Hugonem Rois baronem de Kilravok et solempniter requirebat prefatum Hugonem ut ipse perimpleret matrimonium inter filium suum et apparentem heredem et filiam suam que fuerit legitime etatis secundum tenorem et formam contractus et indenture inter ipsum et dictum Hugonem facte. Et idem Thanus optulit se promptum et paratum totum et quicquid que in suo contractu continentur perimplere et in omnibus seruare dicto Hugoni. Super quibus omnibus et singulis prefatus Thanus a me notario subscripto sibi unum seu plura publicum seu publica instrumentum seu instrumenta fieri petiit. Acta erant hec apud prefatum burgum de Narn hora decima uel eocirca ante merediem sub anno mense die indictione et pontificatu quibus supra. Presentibus ibidem Georgeo Falconer de Lethtyn Vilelmo Doles de Cantra Vilelmo Doles de Bydvyt Johanne Rois et Valtero Rois cum diuersis aliis ad premissa vocatis pariterque rogatis.

Another of these interminable instruments records on the same day the proceedings in a court held at Edinburgh, by Alexander Lauder, Provost of the Burgh and Sheriff in that part of the Sheriffdoms of Inverness, Elgin, Forres, and Banff, where the Earl of Argyll, as tutor dative of Muriel, presented her brieve of service, and demanded to have the same duly proclaimed to be Served on the third day of March next to come.

The next document shall be given entire. It is the last in which the old Thane appears, and he has docqueted it in his own hand, as his manner was :—

"THE INSTRUMENT THAT I TUK IN INUERNYSS QUHEN THE LASSIS BREWYS WES CRYET."

In Dei nomine Amen. Per hoc presens publicum instrumentum cunctis pateat euidenter quod anno incarnacionis dominice millesimo quingentesimo

secundo mensis uero Februarii die sexto indictione sexta pontificatus sanctissimi in Christo patris ac domini nostri Domini Alexandri diuina disponente clementia pape sexti anno decimo primo in nostrum notariorum testiumque subscriptorum presencia personaliter constitutus Duncanus Richardsone habens et tenens in manibus suis et extendens quasdam literas supremi domini nostri Regis ex deliberacione Dominorum Consilii sibi ad infrascripta tanquam in hac parte vicecomiti specialiter deputato directas ut a prima facie apparebat, quas in medium produxit et perlegi fecit, videlicet ad legittime premuniendum mandandum et summonendum certas insuspectas personas infra vicecomitatus de Aberdene Banff Elgin Fores Narn et Inuernys ad inquisicionis numerum sufficientem ad comparendum coram venerabili viro Alexandro Lauder vicecomite in hac parte deputato tercia die mensis Marcii proximo futuri apud Edinburgum super deseruitione breuis inquisicionis Murielle Caldor pertinentis. Insuper idem Duncanus Richardson quoddam preceptum dicti Alexandri Lawder tanquam in hac parte vicecomitis deputati ut nobis notariis publicis subscriptis a prima facie aparebat in medium produxit ostendit et perlegi fecit dictum Duncanum in hac parte maurum nominatim deputans sibimet specialiter directum, ad omnia et singula infrascripta faciendum videlicet ad apud burga de Inuernys Narn Fores Elgin et Banff quoddam inquisicionis breue Murielle Caldor pertinens proclamandum et coram dicto Alexandro Lauder in hac parte tanquam vicecomite apud Edinburg tercio die mensis Marcii proximo futuri deseruiri, necnon ad premuniendum certas insuspectas et fide dignas personas de et super deseruitione huiusmodi breuis, veluti in huiusmodi literis de quibus mencio fertur, latius cauetur, in cuiusquidem Duncani Richardsone vicecomitis et mauri in hac parte specialiter deputati [presentia] honorabilis vir Wilhelmus thanus de Caldor pro seipso et nomine prolocutorio Andree Caldor sui filii naturalis comparuit et personaliter existens contra et aduersus dictum inquisicionis breue et Duncanum Richardsone executorem huiusmodi breuis assertum proponendo et obiciendo proposuit et obiecit, et primo contra breue quod minus juste per dictum Duncanum Richardsone vicecomitem et maurum in hac parte deputatum fuerat proclamatum, cum primo vicecomiti illius vicecomitatus in quo proclamaretur breue pro debita executione huiusmodi fienda presentaretur quo deficiente vicecomiti in hac parte de-

putato; secundo contra et aduersus dictum Duncanum executorem, quod minus iuste et indebite sine quocunque juris processu in executione dicti breuis duobus videlicet vicecomitis et mauri fungebatur officiis quod minime debuit nec de jure potuit; et tercio cum dictus Duncanus ex debita executione sui officii asserti partes si que forte fuissent ad coram certo judice certisque die et loco pro justicie administracione cum intimacione consueta in genere et in specie comparendum premunire debuit, nullas tamen partes in sua dicti breuis proclamatione ad certis coram judice die aut loco in genere neque in specie comparendum premuniuit, neque huiusmodi partibus quibuscunque intimauit; de quidem quibus partium premunicione et intimacione sic ut premittitur per dictum Duncanum executorem minime factis, nobis notariis publicis subscriptis luculenter constabat. De et super quibus omnibus et singulis dictus Wilhelmus thanus de Caldor nomine quo supra a nobis notariis publicis subscriptis sibi fieri petiit unum uel plura publicum uel publica instrumentum uel instrumenta. Acta erant hec apud crucem foralem burgi de Inuernes hora quasi undecima ante merediem uel eocirca sub anno mense die indictione et pontificatu quibus supra. Presentibus ibidem Johanne Ogilwy aldermano et constabulario dicti burgi de Inuernes Johanne Athlyk Gilberto Waus et Johanne Cuthbert veteris castri burgensibus antefati burgi de Inuernys cum diuersis aliis testibus ad premissa vocatis specialiter atque rogatis.

On the day appointed, 3d March 1502, the Lady Muriel was Served nearest and lawful heir of her father, John of Cawdor, who died last vest and seized in the Thanage. The original inquisition of her Service, which was formerly at Cawdor, and is entered in the old inventory, is now in the office of Chancery at Edinburgh—the oldest of such inquests there preserved;—

Hec inquisitio facta fuit in pretorio burgi de Edinburgh coram honorabili viro Alexandro Lawdir preposito burgi de Edinburgh vicecomite vicecomitatuum de Inverness Nairne Elgyn Forres et Banff in hac parte per commissionem supremi domini nostri Regis specialiter constituto tertio die mensis Martii anno domini millesimo quingentesimo secundo per hos

nobiles et probos subscriptos videlicet Alexandrum Dominum Hume magnum camerarium Scotie Patricium Dominum Lindesay de Bires Willelmum Scot de Balwery Davidem Hume de Wedderburn Davidem Moubray de Bernbougall Simonem Prestone de eodem Joannem Hay de Snaid Joannem Sinclaire de Dridane Willelmum Keyth de Inneruggy, Johannem Pennycuke de eodem milites Johannem Dunbar de Mochrome Willelmum Douglas de Quhittinghame Willelmum Bailye de Hoprig Johannem Cokburn juniorem dominum de Ormistoun et Alexandrum Wardlaw de Warristoun. Qui jurati dicunt quod quondam Johannes Caldor pater Murielle Caldor latricis presentium obiit ultimo vestitus et sasitus ut de feodo ad fidem et pacem supremi domini nostri Regis de omnibus et singulis terris Thanagii de Caldor, necnon de omnibus et singulis terris baroniarum de Clunes et Bothe cum suis pertinenciis, Ac etiam de terris de Balmakayth et dimidietate terrarum ville de Rait cum suis pertinenciis jacentibus infra vicecomitatum de Nairne, necnon de omnibus et singulis terris de Downmaglasche duabus Kinkellis et Invermerky cum suis pertinenciis jacentibus infra dictum vicecomitatum de Inverness. Et quod dicta Muriella est legitima et propinquior heres ejusdem quondam Johannis patris sui de omnibus et singulis dictis terris et baroniis cum singulis suis pertinenciis. Et quod est legitime etatis ratione dispensationis supremi domini nostri Regis desuper concesse ostense et perlecte. Et quod dicte terre Thanagii de Caldor cum suis pertinenciis valent nunc per annum octuaginta sexdecim marcas et tempore pacis valuerunt quadraginta marcas usualis monete regni Scotie. Et quod dicte terre baronie de Clunes cum suis pertinenciis valent nunc per annum quadraginta quatuor marcas cum dimidia dicte usualis monete et tempore pacis valuerunt viginti quatuor marcas. Et quod dicte terre baronie de Bothe cum suis pertinenciis valent nunc per annum viginti tres marcas dicte monete et tempore pacis valuerunt decem libras. Et quod dicte terre de Balmakayth cum suis pertinenciis valent nunc per annum decem marcas prefate monete et tempore pacis valuerunt quinque libras. Et quod dicte terre dimidietatis ville de Rait cum suis pertinenciis valent nunc per annum tres decem marcas predicte usualis monete et tempore pacis valuerunt quinque libras. Et quod dicte terre de Downmaglasche cum suis pertinenciis valent nunc per annum decem marcas dicte

monete et tempore pacis valuerunt quinque marcas. Et quod dicte terre de Kinkellis cum suis pertinenciis valent nunc per annum triginta quinque marcas et quatuor solidos prescripte monete et tempore pacis valuerunt viginti marcas. Et quod dicte terre de Innermerky cum suis pertinenciis valent nunc per annum quindecim marcas et duos solidos prefate usualis monete et tempore pacis valuerunt quinque libras. Et quod omnes predicte terre dicti Thanagii de Caldor necnon dicte terre predictarum baroniarum de Clunes et Bothe et omnes alie terre predicte cum singulis suis pertinenciis tenentur in capite de supremo domino nostro rege per servitium warde et relevii. Et quod feodum omnium et singularum dictarum terrarum dicti Thanagii de Caldor necnon feodum dictarum terrarum hujusmodi baroniarum de Clunes et Bothe cum omnibus aliis terris supradictis et suis pertinenciis nunc sunt in manibus dicti supremi domini nostri Regis tanquam in manibus domini superioris earundem ob causam mortis dicti quondam Johannis Caldor patris dicte Murielle qui obiit per spatium quatuor annorum et octo mensium immediate precedentium ante confectionem presentis inquisitionis. Et quod liberum tenementum omnium earundem terrarum dicti Thanagii baroniarum et aliarum terrarum prescriptarum cum suis pertinenciis nunc est in manibus Willelmi Thani de Caldor patris dicti quondam Johannis ratione reseruationis tempore sue resignationis earundem. In cuius rei testimonium sigilla eorum qui dicte inquisitioni intererant faciende presentibus sunt appensa anno mense die et loco predictis.

The contest was now over, and the old Thane did not long survive it. He must have died in 1503, or soon after. In that year (19th August 1503) letters of legitimation, under the Great Seal, were passed in favour of *dilectus clericus noster Magister Johannes Caldour, Precentor Rossensis*, (not designated as a relative of the Thanes,) enabling him to acquire, and to will and dispone property ; and he seems to have purchased some lands destined for his nephews, but all of which ultimately fell under the grasp of Argyll. It is remarkable indeed how soon the male descendants of Cawdor disappear. William the vicar of Evan, the eldest son of Thane William, was served heir to his father in certain lands and rents in Nairn on 16th August 1506; but his retour does not mention the date of his father's death.

Sir William Calder his retoure of certane landis and annuellis in Nairne.

Jhesus Maria.

The curt of Naryne haldin at Naryne be Johnne the Ros and Johnne Merchand balyeis of the sammyn burcht of Naryne the xvj day of August, in the yeir of God ane thousand v^{c} and sex yeris—the sammyne day the jugis sittand, the sowittis callit and the court lauchfullie affirmit.

Nomina assise.

Johne Merchand, Johne Buchane, Manne Clark, Brande Fide, Thome Sandesoune, Wilyame Allexandersone, Wille Cristesone, Sande Fyndlosone, Johne Clark, Johne M^{c} Crowun, Robe Thomson, Wilyame Caulder, Johne Caulder.

The sammyne day master Johne Cauldor chantor of Ros presentit ane atturnay in the nayme and behalf of Schir Vilyame Caldour viccar of Ewayne and the said Master Johne askyt the said schir Wilyame to be knawun and enterit to the said rentis and landis that his fader Wilyame Cauldour deyt last wessit and seissit of as of fee, wytht in the bundis of the said burcht, the quhilk jugis understandand that desir rychtwis, causit the said Master Johne to remuif the court and tuik inquisetioun of the fremen of the town be thar aithis as the maner is in burowis, the quhilk the jugis fand be the awise of the hail town that the said Wilyame thayne of Cauldour deit wessyt and seissit of the crofftis besyid Balmakeitht beyon the Water of Naryne for gayne the castell of the sammyne; alsuay of vj rudis lyand within the galois, ij ruidis in the myll bank and ij rudis in the skaytrawe and als off xxx d. of annuell of Cristane Flemyngis land, and of Criste Cummyngis begymen ij. s. of annuell, and of Henry Dolles land of Cantray ij. s. of annuel, the quhilk inqueist forsaid fand the said Sir

Wilyame lauchfull air of all the saidis landis and annuellis, and passit in incontinent and enterit the said Master Johne atturnay for the said Sir Wilyame be the deliuerance of erd and stane heisp and stapill as the maner of burrowis is.

Hec est vera copia de uerbo in uerbum extracta de libro curie burgalis de Naryne, per me Dominum Thomam Strathauchin notarium publicum ad hec manu propria.

Andrew of Cawdor, the old Thane's third son, and the competitor with Muriel, is mentioned for the last time in the family papers in an Instrument of 6th February 1502. Of his life and his death, which must have happened some time subsequently, only a tradition has reached us, which is put in shape by a nameless chronicler in this wise :—

During Muriel's residence at Argyle, her uncle, a very ferocious man, was guilty of various acts of robbery and murder; the people dreaded him so much that they sent for the swiftest persons they could find from other quarters to apprehend him, but he was so swift of foot that he could run two miles for their one. At last he was outlawed, and a reward offered to any person that would take him dead or alive. In the course of his rounds, he came down the shoulder of the hill of Orkney by the castle of Rait, and concealed himself behind a large stone near the water dam there, when a man near the place observed him looking over the stone; and the man having a loaded gun, shot him in the forehead, the only part that was visible of him above the stone; hence the stone is called Calder's stone to this day. And after his death Muriel and her husband got quiet and peaceable possession of the castle and property."

An instrument taken *in villagio de Balleuot* on January 13, 1507, bears that—

Prouida mulier Issabella Ros relicta quondam nobilis viri Johannis Calder feodatoris olim thanagii de Calder publice exposuit et declarauit, quod ad ipsius noticiam deuenit quod quidem dominus Alexander Scherer notarius publicus alias presens tempore quo Magister Johannes Calder attornatus et eo nomine ipsius exponentis sasinam hereditariam pro ipsa in coniuncta infeodacione de terris de duabus Bauchariis cum pertinenciis una cum olim dicto suo sponso cepit, et quod idem notarius maliciose ut asseruit in instrumento sue coniuncte fodacionis inseruit quod ipsa capcionem huiusmodi sasine sic per dictum suum attornatum ad statum reuocauit, quod ipsam fecisse penitus et omnino denegauit. Quapropter omnibus melioribus via modo forma et jure quibus potuit et debuit huiusmodi reuocacioni renunciauit pure et simpliciter et capcionem huiusmodi sasine de dictis terris per dictum suum attornatum approbauit validauit et ratificauit asserens quod si quam reuocacionem fecit prout non ut declarauit hoc minime juris ordine in similibus seruato. Quapropter solempniter protestatus fuit quod illa allegata reuocacio sibi non cederet in preiudicium penes jus sue coniuncte infeodacionis dictarum terrarum in futurum, et de juris remedio tempore et loco oportunis.

On January 3, 1509, a discreet man, Sir William Caldour, Vicar of Evan, made the following protest upon his lands of Little Urchny, the witnesses being John Caldour, Precentor of Ross, Duncan Levynnox of Ballecorrach, Andrew Caldour, William Doles of Budwitt, Andrew Clunes, and Sir John Scherer, Curate of Evan—

Schir notar, it is nocht unknavyn to al the cuntray quhow I haff beyn aganis my vil wyth Davyd Dunbar thys tyme bigane lik as my reuocatione beris at mayr lyntht. And I beand wyth the said Dauid in proper persone

I ame informit that he send Sande Nicol George Dunbar and Sir Jhone Browne notar befoyr zoule that last vas til ane bruym hil betuix Litil Urchtny and Mekil Urchtny to tak stat in my name, the quhilk vas and is unknavyn to me and to the tenentis of the said grund and al the cuntray, and uppone the grond of Mekil Urchtny as the hyrdis said to me, and come neuer to hous berne nor byr of the said grond, nor til na teil rig, nor schew it nocht to na tenand of the grond as maner and custome is of the realme; herfor giff ony sic stait be takyn in my name for defraud and falsed of me, I heyr solempnitly reuokis cassis adnullis and destrois the samyn, in takynning heroff brekkis this dische wyth fyir, wyth my awyn futte, as custome is, be caus I maid neuer the sadis persones atturnais nor procuratouris for me, for quhy and it had beyn my vill thai mycht haff had me in proper persone to tak stait solempnitly as custome is and nocht to haiff stollyn stait sen I vas bot viij myle fra the said Urchtne; and attour all fals bandis and contractis that thai haiff compellit me to mak is under ane fals fenzeit seil maid be Sir Andro Smyth at the command of Dauid Dunbar unvitting of me, and agane my vill, the quhilk seill I declame and sall mak the samyn to be declamyt opynly at the market crossis of Elgyne Fores and Narn, and protestis solempnitly that the said pretendit stait turne me nor my airis to na preiudice, and uppone Sir notar of all thys I ask at zou ane instrument or ma . . . villam de Litil Urchtne hora quasi duodecima uel eocirca sub anno mense die indictione et pontificatu quibus supra. Presentibus magistris Johanne Caldour precentore Rossensi Doncano Levynnox de Ballecorrach, Andrea Caldour, Vilelmo Doles de Budwitt, Andrea Clunes et domino Johanne Scherer curato de Evane cum diuersis aliis ad premissa vocatis pariterque rogatis.

Et ego Alexander Scherer &c., &c.

The following short instrument must have been meant as equivalent to a settlement of land as well as a will. It was taken at Inverness on 25th June 1510. How little effectual it was we shall see presently.

. . . venerabilis vir magister Johannes Caldor precentor Rossensis ex eius proprio motu fecit constituit et ordinauit Hugonem Caldor eius consangui-

neum heredem suum et assignatum singulis suis terris et rebus in uberiori forma sine quacunque reuocacione in futurum. Super quibus omnibus et singulis prefatus magister Johannes Caldor a me notario publico subscripto sibi fieri petiit unum seu plura publicum seu publica instrumentum seu instrumenta.

Evidence is preserved of the following acquisitions by the Precentor, which he had thus destined to Hugh, the eldest surviving son of the old Thane, setting aside the Vicar of Evan :—A croft, acquired from John Belgeam, lying beside the Church of Aldearn ; the fourth part of Mekil Budwit, with the Croft Blayr, from William Doles of Budwit ; from William Ogilvy of Stratherne, Knight, the west half of Easter Brachillie ; and from the same person the lands of Fothirty in Ross. While the Precentor was thus providing for Hugh, his brother, the Vicar, resigned the Sheriffship in his favour ; and on February 10th, 1510, a charter passed the Great Seal, granting to Hugh Caldour the office of Sheriff of Narne, with the constabulary of the King's Castle, and the assize ale and assize fish. The Earl of Argyll was content for the present to take the office of Crowner.

Commissio coronatoris facta Comiti de Ergile.

Jacobus . . . constituimus et ordinamus dilectum consanguineum et consiliarium nostrum Archibaldum comitem de Ergile Dominum Campbell et Lorne magistrum hospicii nostri, Coronatorem nostrum infra bondas suas in Narne pertinentes quondam Thano de Caldour, et nunc dicto nostro consanguines racione warde et infra bondas quibus dictus quondam thanus prius usus fuerat jacentes infra vicecomitatum nostrum de Narne, dantes et concedentes dicto nostro coronatori nostram plenariam potestatem et mandatum speciale omnes et singulas personas infra dictas suas bondas et vicecomitatum nostrum predictum ad iter nostrum justiciarie de Inuernys indictandi et arrestandi quarum nomina per clericum nostrum justiciarie dabuntur in scriptis arrestandi attachiandi plegios recipiendi. · · Datum sub testimonio magni sigilli nostri apud Edinburgh vicesimo sexto die mensis Octobris anno regni nostri vicesimo secundo.

In the year 1510, Muriel had completed her twelfth year, and, being then marriageable by law, no time was lost in giving her in marriage to Sir John Campbell, the third son of Archibald, the second Earl of Argyll. The curious chimney-piece at Cawdor, which bears the arms of Campbell and Cawdor quarterly, the initials of Sir John Campbell and Muriel Cawdor, and the date of 1510, evidently has reference to that marriage, though the style of sculpture, the occurrence of tobacco-pipes, and indeed the architecture of that part of the house, leave no doubt that it was the work of at least a century later. The affected language, as well as the piety of the Latin Inscription, also savours of a later period, when early puritanism was curiously coupled with pedantry. **Ceri mani memineris mane**—means merely *Remember in the morning the good Creator.*

Muriel's procuratory of resignation, for new infeftment to her husband is as follows:—

Excellentissimo et serenissimo principi ac domino nostro Domino Jacobo quarto dei gratia Scotorum regi illustrissimo, sua humilis liegia et seruitrix Muriela Calder de eodem sponsa Johannis Campbell militis omni cum subiectione famulatu ac promptitudine seruiendi; ad sursum reddendum pureque et simpliciter per fustem et baculum resignandum quiete clamandum ac libere deliberandum pro me et heredibus meis in manibus vestre serenissime maiestatis tanquam in manibus domini mei superioris totas et integras terras meas thanagii de Calder cum suis pertinenciis, et totas et integras terras et baronias meas de Clunes et Boith cum suis pertinenciis, ac terras de Balmakaith et dimidietatem ville de Raith cum suis pertinenciis, jacentes infra vicecomitatum de Narne, ac eciam terras de Moye jacentes infra vicecomitatum de Fores; terras de Downemakglas de duabus Kynkellis Kyndeis Innarmarky Mulquhaich et Drumwornye cum suis pertinenciis jacentes infra vicecomitatum de Inuernes: honorabiles viros videlicet Hugonem Rose de Kylrawok Walterum Stewart Andream Wod de Fothircarne magistrum Alexandrum Ogylwy de Cardall Willelmum Wod Alexandrum M^c^ Culloch et eorum quemlibet coniunctim et diuisim meos veros legitimos indubitatos et irreuocabiles procuratores cum consensu et assensu dicti Johannis sponsi mei facio constituo et irreuocabiliter ordino eisque ad huiusmodi perficiendum meam plenariam et irreuocabilem potestatem ac mandatum speciale do et concedo per presentes. Quas eciam terras pre-

dictas cum suis pertinenciis Ego dicta Muriela non vi aut metu ducta neque errore lapsa seu dolo circumuenta sed mea mera pura et spontanea voluntate in manibus vestre regie maiestatis tanquam in manibus domini mei superioris earundem per has meas literas procurationis et resignationis sursum reddo per fustem et baculum tenore presentium resigno ac totum jus et clameum que in dictis terris et baroniis cum omnibus suis pertinenciis habui habeo seu quouismodo habere potero pro me et heredibus meis quiete clamo imperpetuum: pro coniuncta infeodacione de eisdem danda michi et dicto sponso meo et nostrum alteri diucius viuenti et heredibus nostris inter nos legitime procreatis seu procreandis quibus deficientibus legitimis et propinquioribus heredibus meis, secundum tenorem carte vestre serenissme maiestatis michi et dicto Johanni sponso meo desuper conficiende. Ratum et gratum habens et habitura totum et quicquid dicti mei procuratores aut eorum aliquis coniunctim et diuisim nomine meo in premissis iuste duxerint seu duxerit faciendum.

In cuius rei testimonium sigillum meum presentibus est appensum apud Campbel decimo septimo die mensis Februarii anno domini millesimo quingentesimo undecimo, unacum appensione sigilli prefati sponsi mei in signum sui consenus et assensus ad premissa.





The Resignation was made at Holyrood, on March 3d, 1511, and the Crown Charter followed, uniting all the possessions of Cawdor, with the castle and fortalice, into one thanage and free barony, to be holden by Sir John Campbell and Muriel Caldor, his spouse, and the longest liver of them in conjunct fee, and to the heirs of their bodies, whom failing, to the nearest lawful heirs of Muriel, of the Crown, for three suits at three head courts of the sheriffdom of Nairn, with ward, relief, and marriage when they fall. Seisin was taken on the charter, April 21st, 1512.

The following contract is endorsed by John, the precentor of Ross :—

The Endentour betuex me and the Baron anent Alexanderis Meriage.

Thyr endentouris maid at Auldern the vj day of may the yer of God j^{m} v^{c} and xv yeris proportis and beris vitnes in thaim self that it is fullely appunctyt and aggreit betuex ane honorabill and worschipfull man that is to say Huchon Ros of Kylrawok on the ta part and master Johne Caldor chantor of Ross on the tother part · · that is to say that Alexander Caldor son to umquhile Vilyam thayne of Caldor god willing sall mary and haff to wiff Elezibeth Ros dochter to the said Huchon Ros, for the quhilk mariage the said Huchon Ros sall gif sex scor of merkis of meriage geyr, and aucht oxin to plenys ane tak · · And the said master Johne sall gyf his part of Esterbrachillie with charter of sesing in coniunct fe to the said Alexander and Elspet and to the langest lewar of thaim twa and thar ayris to be gottyn of thar bodeyis and falyeand thereof to the said Alexanderis ayris maill quhatsumeuir, and atour sall gif be the Trinite day cum ane yer fyv merkis vortht of land mayr to the said Alexander in vedsett or ane hunder merkis of redy mone to lay apon land, and this the said master Johne dois of his fre will for kyndnes of blud and helping of the said Alexander, bot the said master Johne sall haf the saidis landis of Brachillie for v or ix yeris in tak with balyory as efferis, he payand to the said Alexander ten merkis yerlie of maill · · · And atour the said Huchon Ros baron of Kylrawok, his son and ayr, thar kyn men and frendis,

and the saidis master Johne Alexander Caldor and Huchon of Caldor his bruther thar kyn men and frendis ar oblist and suorn to be leill and trew till otheris and tak otheris part in all rychtwis just and honest materis aganis all man, the kingis grace and my lord of Huntlie excepyt . . . and to the ferm and faythfull keping of all ther poynctis and conditionis abuf writin bayth the saidis parteis ar oblist and suorn be the faytht and treuthis of thar bodeis, the holy ewangelist twychit an till other but fraud or gyill. In witnes hereof the part of this endentour remanand with the said Baron the said master Johne has affixt to his proper seill with his subscription manuall, and in likvis the part remanand with the said master Johne the said Baron has affixt to his proper seill with his subscription manuall day yer and place befor expremyt befor ther witnes Alexander Urchart of Burrisyardis Henre Dolles of Cantray Vilyam Dolles of Budwit Valter Ros of Kynstary Robert Caldor John Ros burges of Narn, Wat of Douglas of Cravmond Thom of Chessam master John Gordon with otheris diuers.

HUCHON THE ROIS
baron of Kylrawok.

The scene now changes. The new lord of Cawdor had connections to maintain and interests to support among his own clan and in the country of the Campbells. The following series of bonds of manrent throws some light on the history of that district and time, as well as on the power of Sir John Campbell, and the means he used for maintaining it—

ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL OF KILMICHELL HIS BAND OF MANRENT TO SIR JOHN CAMPBELL.

Be it kend til all men be thir present lettres me Archibald Campbel of Kilmechel to be bunde and oblesit and be thir present lettres bindis and oblisis me lelelie and treulie be the faith and treuth in my body bout fraude or gyle to my derrest eym John Campbel of Cauder knycht to hald with

the said John Campbel knycht and to supple and ryis with him aganis al men that leif or dee may our souerane lord the king and my lord of Ergyle beand excepit and speciale aganis Johne M^c^ Cowil of Dunnollach his kyn frendis men seruandis and part takaris, and aganis all utheris that purpos to wex treble or do strait to my said derrest eym John Campbel I the said Archibald bindis and oblesis me as said is to tak my said eymis a fauld part and supple and defend his mater lyk as I wald do my awin mater. In witnes heirof to be ferme and stable kepit bout fraude or gyle I the said Arcibald haf causit my propir seil to be affixit to this present writ togidder and my subscriptioun manuale at Insfiuche the xxix day of August in the yere of God ane thousand fyf hundreth and xvj yeiris.

ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL
off Kylmychell.

[BOND OF M^c^ ARTOUR AND M^c^ KERRIS.]

Be it kend [til] al men be thir present lettres us Gilcrist M^c^ Artour and Jhone M^c^ Kerris and all our sonnys to be cummyn men and seruandis and be the tenor of this our present wrettis gevis our manrentis and seruice for our self and our aris and gudis moable unmoable till ane honorable man Jhone Campbell of Caudor knycht and to his aris and sall inhabyt and duell apone the said Sir Jhoneis landis in quhat part he plesis or in quhat cuntre, and sall be leil trew and tak the said Jone Campbel ful playne and afauld part aganis all man that leif or de ma the Kingis grace allanerly excepit. And failyeand that we the saidis Gilcrist M^c^Artour Jhone M^c^Kerris or our aris kippis and fulfillis all thir poyntis above wrettin to the saidis Sir Jone and his aris we the saidis Gilcrist Jone our sonnis and our aris dischergis and quytclamys was of al our gudis moable and unmoable to be tayne fra us and our aris to utilite and profet of the said Sir Jhone for the quhilkis manrent seruice and oder pointis above wrettin I the said Sir Jone and my aris bindis and oblisis me to manteyn warrand and defend

the said Gilcrist Jone thair sonis and aris and gudis in all thar materis . . . In witnes of the quhilk we the said Gilcrist and Jone for us our sonis subscribis ther presentis with our hand at Kilmacronag the xxix day of Nouember the yeir of God m° v° and xvj yeiris befor thir witnes Jone M° Gregor Angus M° Alexander M° Ane Donald M° ranald Donald Levenax et magister Donald Brown with uderis diuers.

GILCRIST M° ARTOUR with my hand on the pen.
JHONE M° KERRIS with my hand on the pen.

MACLEANE OF DOWARDIS BAND OF MANRENT TO SIR JOHN CAMPBELL.

Be it kend tyll all men be thyr present lettres me Lachillan M° illayn of Doward to be bund and oblyst and be thir present lettres byndis and oblisis me ta be leylle and trew and to keip ane afald and trewe part to ane honorabil man Jhone Campbell of Cawdor knycht and to menteyn suplie and defend the said Jhone and to tak hys part in contrare all oderis the kyngis grace beand excepyt my lord gouernor and my lord of Ergille and als to varne the sayd Jhone of all hys skathtis owder to hys person men gudis movabyll and onmovabyll and his landis sa fer as I can gaet vyt of, and to lat all skathtis and iniuris to be don to the forsayd Jhon efter my power and als I the sayd Lachtillen haif suorn apon ane mes bowyk to keip the said band abone vryttyn and for the mayr securyte I haf affixit my propyr seyll with my subscription mauale to gydder at Edinburgh the last deye of februar the yeir of God ane thousand fyif hundretht and sexten yeyris.

LACHTILLAN M° ILLON of Doward
with my hand on the pen.

CLANE M^{c} DOWLEANIS BAND OF MANRENT TO SIR JOHN CAMPBELL OF CALDOR.

Be it kend till al men be thyr present lettres us Duncan Brek M^{c} dulane Duncan M^{c} dulane M^{c} donche Jhone M^{c} doulane M^{c} donche his broder Donald Dow M^{c} douil M^{c} conche and his broder Neyll and Lachlan M^{c} evin M^{c} lachlen Evin M^{c} neill and Dunslane M^{c} neill and Jhone Dow M^{c}neyll and Duncan M^{c}neyll roy and Neill his broder grantis us to be bundin and oblisit and be the tenor of thir our present lettres bindis and oblisis us in the strathast form of obligacion that can be devisit for our self and for al the remanent of our kyne that we sal gif our leil trew and afauld seruice and manrent perpetualy for our self and our barnis and succession to ane honorable knycht Sir Jhone Campbell of Calder and to his successione and aris aganis all man that leifis or leif ma the kingis grace allanerly excepit. In witnes of the quhilk manrent and seruice to be done as said is we the saidis personis above wrettin has subscriuit this wret with our handis togidder with our boydely aithis apone the mess buik and the relic callit the arwachyll at the Iil of Kilmolmolrue the xvj day of August in the yeir of God a M v^{c} and xviij yeris befor thir witnes Dougall M^{c} ane M^{c} alexander Donald M^{c} neil M^{c} ane Gilcrist M^{c} evin and Magister Donald Brown with uderis diuers.

DUNCAN BREK M^{c} DUNLANE with my hand
on the pen for me and the remanent
of my guidsir succession.
EVIN M^{c}NEILL for me and the remanent
of my guidsir kyn and succession.

[DONALD EWYNSON'S BOND.]

Be it kend til al men be thir present lettres me Donald M^{c} evin M^{c} allan sone and apperand ayr to Evin Allansone of Lochyell grantis me to be bundin and oblisit and be the tenor of thir my present lettres bindis and oblisis me be faith and trothe of my body to ane rycht worschipful man Sir

Jhone Campbell of Calder knycht in maner form and effect as efter followis. That is to say that I the sayd Donald sal be leil trew and afauld man and seruand to the said Sir Jhone and sal tak his ful plane and afauld part in all materris he hais ado and that I sal nocht se nor heyr the said Sir Jhonis skathtis na ony that belangis him or takis his part, bot I sal warne him tharof and stop it eftir my pwir. In witnes of the quhilk obligacion to be kepit lelely and trewly as said is I the said Donald hais subscriuit this wret with my hand at Killespickerrill the xx day of October the yeyr of God m^mo v^c and xviij yeyris befor thir witnes Allane Stuart of Durwor Angus M^c alexander M^c ane Paul M^cmolkennich Alexander M^c ane M^c dowgall Evin M^c mertin Jhone . . . M^c evin M^c alexander and master Donald Broun with uderis diuers.

DONALD EWYNSON, with my hand on the pen.

JOHN M^c ALLANE M^c EANE IN LOCHABERIS BAND TO SIR JOHNE CAMPBELL.

Be it kende tyll all men be thir present letters me Johne M^c allan M^c ayne Keyr byndis and oblessis me be the fayth and trouth in my body to ane honorabyll man Sir Johne Campbell off Caudar knycht to be cumyn his man and serwand and to tak his afawld part in all actionis correlis he haf ado or wyll haue ado acontra all men at lewis or wyll lew, the kingis grais alanerly exceppyt. Allsua I the said Johne byndis and oblesis me my barnis and my aris gottyn off my body to geff to the forsaid Sir Johne and his aris our calp kenkennoll and our manrent acontrare all man at lewis the kyngis gras excepit, and attour I the said Johne Allanson byndis me to geff a barnis part of my guidis to the forsaid Sir Johne and to his aris · and to the fulfeling and keping off ther pwyntis abuyn wrytyn I haiff suorn my bodily eyt and subscribyt this present wryt wyth my hand on the pen at Kenlochlaan the viij day of Junii in the yeir of God a M v^c xix yeris befor thir witnes Johne M^c ewyn M^c allestyr Dowgall M^c allan M^c ayn keyr Dowgall M^c ayn M^c allaster and Johne M^c kerris of Kentyr mor with uder diueris mony.

JOHNE ALLANSON M^c AYN keyr.

Clane Makindeanes band of manrent to Sir John Campbell of Calder.

Be it kend till all men be thir present lettres us Jhone Mᶜ yndayn Mᶜ collef Macan Mᶜ yndayn Sollef Mᶜ mertin and Dougall roy Mᶜ gillechallum and all the laif our kynd that takis our cunsaill to be cummyn men and seruandis and be the tenor of this present wret is cummyn men seruandis and gevis our manrent for our self and our succession to ane honorable man Sir Jhon Campbell of Calder knycht and sall tak the said Sir Jhonis full plane and afaulde part in contrary all man that leif or de ma the kingis grace allanerle beand excepit and sall gif to the said Sir Jhon in tokin of our said manrent and afauld seruice our kalp as use is to seruandis to gif to thar cheif and our lord, the said Sir Jhon beand till us a gud master as ane cheif suld be or ane ourlord to his kyndmen and seruandis and we the saidis personis usand his cunsaill in all thingis we haif ado. In witnes of the quhilk we haf subscriuit this wret with our handis and hais gevin our boydely aithis to kep the said at Kilmoronag the vij day of Julii the yeyr of God ane thousand fif hunderreth and xix yeyris befor thir witnes John Mᶜ gregor of Glensra Angus Mᶜ alexander Mᶜ ane Evin Mᶜ neill Mᶜ dunlane with uderis diuers.

Jhon Mᶜ yndayn with his hand on the pen.
Macum Mᶜ yndayn with his hand on the pen.
Sollef Mᶜ martin with his hand on the pen.
Dougale roy Mᶜ gillecallum with his hand on the pen.

Alexander Mᶜ allan his band of manrent to Sir John Campbell.

Be it kend till all men be thyr present letterris me Alexander Makallane grantis me to be bund and be the tenor of this my present vryt byndis and oblycis me my sonnis kyn men and seruandis to be leyll and trewe men

and seruandis to ane honorabyll knycht Johne Campbell of Cauder knycht and to tak hys affauld and playn part in contrare al maner of man the kyngis grace my lorde of Ergille allanerly beand excepit and to ansor the sayd Sir John with all the powir that I may be and to pas with hym quhat tym that I am chargit baytht be seye and be land to do him guid seruys. Alsua I the sayd Alexander byndis and oblicis me to byd and tak the sayd Sir Johnis consall in al maner of actionis that I haif ado and speciale anent my eyme Dowgall M^{c} rannald, the sayd Sir Johne nocht hurtand me in my person gudis nor yeit in landis. Alsua I the said Alexander byndis and oblycis me in the stratast forme that can be devyssit and becawis I had na propir seyll of myn awin na yait that thar vas na seyll present to be procuryt I haif suorn apon the mes bowyk to keip all poynctis abon vryttyn onder the paynis of twa hundretht merkis of gud and usuall mone of the realm of Scotland to be payt be the sayd Alexander of hys awin gudis to the sayd Sir Johne within fowyrti dayis therefter that the sayd Alexander brekis. In vytnes of the quhilk I haif subscrybyt this letter of manrent be the consent of my sonnis with my hand apon the pen at Innerleuir the xx^{ti} daye of Februar the yeir of God ane thoussand fyif hundretht and nyntin yeris befor thir vytnes Donald M^{c} aan Duncan Campbell of Innerleuer Dougall M^{c} ayn M^{c} alexander Angus M^{c} alexander Joke Mungumbry and Donald of Levynax with oderis dyuers.

ALEXANDER M^{c} ALLANE
with my hand apon the pen.

[BOND OF M^{c} CONDOCHES.]

Be it kend tyll all men be thyr present letteris us Sownye M^{c} condoche M^{c} queyn Ewen M^{c} condoche M^{c} queyn Johne M^{c} alister M^{c} condoche and all our sonnys and our ayrris to be cumyng men and seruandis, and be the tenor of this our present vryttis geuis our manrentis and seruys for our selfis our sonis and our ayrris and gudis mouabyll and unmouabyll tyl ane honorabyll man Johne Campbell of Cawdar knycht and to hys ayrris, and

sall inhabyt and dwell apon the sayd Sir Johnis landis in quhat part and in quhat cuntra he desyrris thame to, and sal be leyll trewe and tak the sayd Sir Johnis full playn and affauld part aganis all men that leyf or die ma, the kyngis grace allanerly beand excepit, and falyeing that we the saydis Sownye Ewen Johne and our sonnis or our ayrris to keip and fullfyll all thir pountis abon vryttyn to the saydis Sir Johne or to his ayrris we the saydis Sownye Even Johne our sonnis and our ayrris dischargis and quytclemmis us of all our guidis mouabyll and unmouabyll to be tane fra us · · · to the utilite and profet of the sayd Sir Johne · · · For the quhilk manrent seruice and oder pountis abon vryttyn I the sayd Sir Johne and my ayrris byndis and oblicis us to menteyn varand and defend the saidis Sownye Mᶜ condochie · · · thar sonnis thair ayrris thar gudis mouabyll and unmouabyll and all thair materris als far as ther awin rycht and lawe berris thame. In vytnes of the quhilk we the saidis Sownye Ewen and Johne for us our sonnis and for our ayrris hais subscrybyt this vryt with our handis apon the pen at Ardchatan the xxvij daye of Januar in the yeir of God 1519 yerris, befor thir vytnes Archibald Campbell of Skipinche Archibald Mᶜ couyll Mᶜ condoche of Innerawe Duncan Mᶜ kellar of Trochan Ewen Mᶜ neyll Johne Mungumbry and Donald of Levynax with oderis dyuers.

SOWNYE Mᶜ CONDOCHE Mᶜ QUEYN.
EWEN Mᶜ CONDOCHE Mᶜ QUEYN.
JOHNE Mᶜ ALEXANDER Mᶜ CONDOCHE.
for our selffis our sonnis and our ayrris with our handis apon the pen.

[BOND OF GOSSIPRY WITH THE CLANDONYLL.]

This endentour mad at Glennau in the Taraf the vij daye of Maye the yeir of God ane thoussand fyif hundretht and xxᵗⁱ yeiris, the quhilk daye and place it is fulleli appoyntyt and acordit and fynaly endyt betwex ane

honorabyl knycht Sir Johne Campbell of Caudar on the tan part and Alexander the Illis son and John Connol on the tother part in maner form and effect as efter followys that is to saye that the sayd Alexander consentis and grantis faythfully promyttis to be cuming man and seruand hym self and all the brance of the clandonyll that he is cuming of, and alsua that he maye gaet to do for hym to be men and leyll trew seruandis to the sayd Sir Johne Campbell and to pas with the sayd Sir Johne with all the pouir that the sayd Alexander ma and be baytht be seye and land the quhen and quhar thae be chargit and lachtfully varnyit in contrare all maner of man quhatsumeuer, our souerane lord the kyngis grace my lord gouernor and my lord of Ergill beand excepit allanerlie, for the space of fyif yeiris next to cum efter the dayt of this vryt. For the quhilk seruys and manrent the sayd Sir Johne promyttis to the sayd Alexander for the space of the sayd fyif yeirris fowirty fyif merkland in Illaye with the landis of Collisna fre but mayll for hys gud serues as forsayd is, and as anent the xv merk land Durae, the sayd Sir Johne sal haf the sayd landis als lang as thae ar vast and quhat tym that the sayd Sir Johne inhabitis the sayd xv merk landis and sa mekyll as he plenicis of it that he sal ples the sayd Alexander for samekyll as he gettis profet of it with the ansor of the men quhen thae ar desyryt at the sayd Sir Johne, the sayd Sir Johne haiffand the raissing and settyng of the forsayd landis. Als for the fynal concord betwex the sayd Sir Johne and the sayd Alexander ayther of ayther faythfulle promyttis that quhat tym or howyr God sendis thame ony barnys that thae sal baptys the barn and be gossepis and aye and quhil the sayd gossepry be compleyttyt the sayd Sir Johne and Alexander sal keip leyl trewe and affald part to oderis as it var complettyt. Als gif sa be that ony of the clanayn or ony oder that pertenys to the sayd Sir Johne that dreddis the sayd Alexander or ony that perteynis to hym that the sayd Alexander sall gif thame securyte efter the sycht of the sayd Sir Johne and my Lord, and gif sa beys as God forbeyd it be that the sayd Alexander brekis in ony poynt abon vryttyn to the sayd Sir Johne this endentour to be onnabyll nor geit effect. And for the mayr securyte and fathfully keippyng of all poyntis abon vrytyn the tane part of this endentour to reman with the sayd Sir Johne the uther part to remane with the sayd Alexander the part remanand with the sayd Sir

Johne I the sayd Alexander hais affixit my propir seyll to be set to this part of the endentour togyddyr with my subscription and my hand apon the pen at Glennay in the Taraf yeir and daye abon vryttyn befor thir vytnes Archibald Campbell of Kylmechell Coleng Campbell of Ardchyngla Archibald Campbell broder german to the sayd Coleng, Robert M^{c} conyll Neyll M^{c} alexander Keyr Duncan Campbell of Inuerliuer Donald Campbell of Ardchatten Dowgall M^{c} ane M^{c} alester Sir Archibald Leycthe prouyst of Kylmon and Donald of Levynax with oderis dyuers.

ALEXANDER KONNEL DE DUNOWEG
with my hand on the pen.

DUGALL MAKRANNALD OF ALLANTYRUM BAND OF SERUICE TO SIR JOHNE CAMPBELL OF CALDER.

Be it kend till all men be thir present letteris me Dugall M^{c} rynald of Ellantyrim bindis and oblissis me faithfully to my derrest and best belouit maister Sir Johne Campbell of Caudar knycht in all my serues possabil baytht in persone men and geyr in all plaisis quhar I am chargit or quhar I ma do the said serues but ony command quhareuer I se it expediant aganis all and sindri persone that contrais the said knycht, the kyngis grace and my lord the erle of Ergyle beand excepit, and this my obligacion with the troutht and faith of my bodi but fraud gyle or cavellacion I the said Dugal grantis me to haif gifin to the said Sir Johne Campbell, and to mayr securete I the said Dugal has procurit with instans ane wirschipful manis seill viz Johne M^{c} cowell of Dunnollych becaus I haid nocht a propir seill present of my awin and hais subscribyt this present writ with my hand befoyr thir vitnes viz Johne M^{c} donye of Strothornyk Duncane M^{c} kellayr of Ardare and Joke Mungumbre with oderis diuers at Ellanyssa the xxv daye of Maye the yeyr of God etc. v^{c} and xx yeiris.

DUGAL M^{c} RYNALD
of Ellantyrym.

and sall defend thame als far as our pouarris ma ber us, and for the mayr securyte and keippyn of al poyntis and bandis abon vryttyn I the sayd Alexander for me and myn ayrris as abon vrytten hais suorn apon the mes buik the vangellis twechyt and I the sayd Sir Johne for me and myn ayrris hais suorn siclyk for the keppyn of the sayddis poyntis and bandis. In vytnes of the quhilk this part remanand with the sayd Sir Johne I the sayd Alexander hes affixit my propir seyll to be set to this indentwur togydder with my subscription and my hand twechand the pen yeir daye and place befor vryttyn befor thir vytnes Allane Stęwerd of Dowrrovyr Duncan Campbell of Innerleuer Johne M^{c} ayn M^{c} conyll Dovyl M^{c} allan M^{c} ayn keyr Angus M^{c} alexander M^{c} ayn Alexander M^{c} ayn M^{c} alexander Donald M^{c} ayn moyr Donald roy M^{c} ayn M^{c} allayn Joke Mungumbry and Donald of Levynax with oderis dyuers.

ALEXANDER M^{c} ALAN chaptane off the Clanrannald and apyerand air of Ilanterim wyth my hand on the pen.

BAND OF MANRENT DONALD MACDONALD GAILICHE OF DUNSKATH TO SIR JOHNE CAMPBELL OF CALDER.

Be it kende tyll all men be thir present lettres me Donald M^{c} donald gallych off Dunskayth grantis me to be cummyn man and serwand to ane honorabyll man Sir Johne Campbell of Cawdar knycht bayth me self and my broder and Johne M^{c} korkyll M^{c} cloide, and at we sall tak the saidis Sir Johnis playn and afawld part aganis all manyr off man the kyngis grais alanerly exceppit and at we sall be rady to the said Sir Johneis serwis bayth nycht and day quhen he schargis us bayth be sey and lande. And to the fulfylling and kepyng off this band of manrent I the forsaid Donald has subscribit this present wryt with my hand on the pen togydder with my bodely ayt at Castell mear the thyrd day off Julii in the yeir off God a M v^{c} and xxj yeir befor thir witnes viz Alexander M^{c} allan of the Illan-

tuyrym Johne M^{c} donyll off Barrychbahen Sir Roland M^{c} allaster parson of Ilanfenan Johne M^{c} allaster M^{c} allan and Angus M^{c} allaster with oder diueris many and Johne M^{c} kerran off the lettyr puplek noter.

DONALD M^{c} DONALD GALLYCH
off Dunscayth.

LAUCHLANE M^{c} INTOSCHE CAPITANE OF CLANCHATTANE HIS BAND TO SIR JOHN CAMPBELL.

Be it kend till all men be thir present letteris me Lauchlane M^{c} yntosche capitane of the Clane Chattane grantis me bund and oblist and be the tenor of this writ byndis and oblissis me in the straithast forme of obligacione that cane be deuisyt to ane honorable mane Sir Johne Campbel of Caudar knycht that I sal manteyne supple help and defend the said Sir Johne Campbell his kyne men frendis and serwandis his landis and gudis mowabil and unmouabill in all maner of actionys querellis clamys and debatis that the said Sir Johne hes or sal haif ado incontrary al mane that lywys or de may, the kyngis grais and my lord of Murray allanerly excepit, and gif sua happynnis that thar be ony braik betuix my lord of Murray and the said Sir Johne Campbell and that my Lord of Murray will nocht tak my consel anent the said Sir Johne in al ressonabil materis betuix thame I bynd and oblis me that I sal keyp me my kyne and al that I may let onedowne ony skaith to the said Sir Johne, and sal do hyme al the gud that I may ay and quhill my said Lord of Murray tak my consel anent the said Sir Johne. Alsua I the said Lauchlane M^{c} yntosche with consent of my kyne forgewis and remittis the said Sir Johne and al that dependis one hyme all maner of faltis querellis clamys and debatis that happynnit betuix the said Sir Johne and me to the dait of this my present writ. And gif it sua happynnis that thar be or happin ony cryme or falt in tymys tocum betuix the said Sir Johne and me, as God forbid to do, swa that it be nocht with the said Sir Johneis wil, it to be na braik betuix us bot to be amendyt with the said Sir Johneis frendis and myne. And to the fullfylling and faithful keipyng of this my obligacione I the forsaid Lauchlane hes set to

this my obligacione my propir seil with my subscriptione manual togiddyr with my bodylie aith at Benquhir the ten day of August the yeir of God ane thousand fyf hundreth twenty and ane yeyr befor thir witnes Johne M^c gregour of Glenstray Johne M^c gillechallum V^c yntosche Donald M^c wilyam V^c Lauchlane and Angus Makalexander V^c ane with othiris diueris.

LAUCHLANE M^c YNTOSCHE
Capytane of the clanchattan.

[ALAN STEWARD OF DURWOR'S BOND.]

Be it kend til all men be thir present lettres me Allane Steward of Durwor brodyr german to Robert Steuard of the Appen grantis me to be cummyn man and seruand and be the tenor of thir my present lettres geuis my maurent and seruyce for all the days and termis of my liftym to ane rycht honorabill man my traist maister Sir Jhone Campbell of Caldor knycht. And I the said Allane Steward byndis and oblisis me in strathast form of obligacion and be faith and troth of my body the haly ewangill thwychit and sworne that [I] sall tak the said Sir Johne Campbellis full plane and afauld part in all his actionis querrellis clamis or debatis mouit or to be mouit, and be redde to the said Sir Johnis seruice baith be nycht and day be sey and be land with all my power ay and als oft as I am requirit tharto incontrary all man that lewis or de may, the kingis grace and my lord of Ergill allanerlie beand excepit, and the kingis grace and my lord of Ergill exceptionis beand bot quhar it may stand to me of tynsall of my lif or heretage. And gif swa beis that it stand to me of my lif or heretage that I may nocht pas with the said Sir Johne my self I bynd and oblis me in form forsaid that I sall caus all my folkis and all uderis that will tak my consaill and part to pas and gang with the said Sir Jhone in all maner of actionis querrellis or materis that he hais or sall haif ado, and sall pas with him my self bot quhair it may stand to me in tynsall of my lif or heretage. Alsua I the said Allan grantis me to haif causit all my kyn men and seruandis that pertenis to me to be sworne and oblisit to the forsaid

Sir Jhone that gif sa happinis as God forbeyd yt do, that I brek in ony poynt abon wrettin to the said Sir Jhone that tha sall tak the said Sir Jhonis part and sall pas with him in contrary me in all maner of thingis he hais ado. And to the fulfilling and keping of this my obligacion in form forsaid I the said Allan hais set to and affixit my awin propir seyll to this writ togydder with my manuell subscription at Dura the xxv day of October the yer of God ane thousand fif hundreth and xxj yer befor thir witnes Donald Glas M^c^ farchar Angus M^c^ alexander M^c^ ane Lachlan M^c^ cowll M^c^ evin Jhone M^c^ kerran of the letter maister Donald Browne with uderis diuers.

ALLAN STUART off Durwor
with my hand on the pen.

The following abridgment of the Gift of Escheat of the Precentor, *ratione bastardiæ*, shows us how ineffectual was his attempt of restoring the fortunes of the male line of Cawdor.

CARTA JOHANNIS CAMPBELL THANI DE CALDOR MILITIS.

Jacobus dei gratia Rex Scotorum omnibus probis hominibus totius terre sue clericis et laicis salutem. Sciatis nos cum avisamento autoritate et consensu carissimi consanguinei et tutoris nostri Johannis Ducis Albanie etc. regni nostri protectoris et gubernatoris dedisse concessisse hereditarie et hac presenti carta nostra confirmasse dilecto nostro Johanni Campbell Thano de Caldor Militi, pro suo bono fideli et gratuito seruicio per ipsum nobis et carissimo consanguineo et tutori nostro antedicto impenso Totas et integras terras de Ester Ard, Corbettis landis nuncupatas, ac totas et integras terras de Fotterty cum pertinentiis jacentes infra vicecomitatum nostrum de Inuernys, et terras de Balgemys landis cum pertinentiis jacentes infra vicecomitatum nostrum de Narne ac etiam omnes annuos redditus infra burgum nostrum de Narne et omnes alios annuos redditus et terras infra regnum nostrum cum pertinenciis que

et qui quondam Magistro Johanni Caldor Precentori Rossensi pertinuerunt, per ipsum de nobis immediate tente et nunc nobis pertinentes ratione eschaete bastardie per decessum dicti quondam Magistri Johannis, qui bastardus natus fuit et absque legitimis heredibus de corpore suo procreatis aut legitima dispositione per ipsum de prefatis terris et annuis redditibus suis in vita sua facta infata decessit. Dedimus etiam et concessimus et tenore presentis carte nostre damus et concedimus prefato Johanni, omnia bona mobilia et immobilia, debita, pecuniarum summas et alia quecunque que prefato quondam Magistro Johanni pertinuerunt, et nunc per eius decessum ratione eschaete predicte nobis pertinent . . . Tenendas et habendas totas et integras prefatas terras . . . dicto Johanni Campbell Thano de Caldor Militi et heredibus suis de nobis et successoribus nostris in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum . . . Faciendo inde annuatim dictus Johannes Campbell et heredes sui nobis et successoribus nostris jura et seruicia de dictis terris et annuis redditibus cum pertinentiis ante decessum prelibati quondam Magistri Johannis nobis debita et consueta. In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti carte nostre magnum sigillum nostrum apponi precepimus. Testibus Reuerendissimo reuerendisque in Cristo Patribus Jacobo Archiepiscopo Glasguensi Cancellario nostro, Dauid episcopo Candidecase nostreque Capelle regie Striuilingensis decano, Dauid episcopo Lismorensi, dilectis consanguineis nostris Alexandro Comite de Huntlie Domino Baidzenach, Colino Comite de Ergile Domino Campbell et Lorne. Hugone Comite de Eglingtoun Domino Montgomery; venerabilibus in Cristo patribus Johanne priore Ecclesie metropolitane Sancti Andree et eiusdem sede vacante vicario generali, Georgeo Abbate monasterii nostri Sancte Crucis prope Edinburgh nostri secrect sigilli custode, et Roberto Abbate de Pasleto. Apud Edinburgh octauo die mensis Februarii Anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo vicesimo primo, et regni nostri nono.

An attempt by Hugh Cawdor, the Sheriff, indicated in the following Precept, must have been unsuccessful.

Jacobus dei gracia Rex Scotorum omnibus probis hominibus suis ad quos presentes litere peruenerint salutem. Quia dilectus noster Hugo Caldor vicecomes noster de Narne per ipsius supplicationem consilii nostri Dominis porrectam exposuit quod heres tallie quondam magistro Johanni Caldor precentori Rossensi existit et diuersa breuia capelle nostre impetrauit deseruienda fore de terris dicto quondam magistro Johanni et nunc sibi tanquam heredi tallie predicte pertinentibus. Et quia tanta intranquillitas in illis partibus existit dicta breuia deseruita habere nequit; nos igitur ex dictorum Dominorum deliberatione ordinauimus dicta breuia in pretorio burgi nostri de Elgin deseruienda fore, et fecimus constituimus et ordinauimus ac tenore presentium facimus constituimus et ordinamus dilectos nostros vicecomitem nostrum de Elgin et Forres Johannem Inglis Alexandrum Gadderar seniorem et Thomam Brabnair et eorum quemlibet coniunctim et diuisim vicecomites nostros de Inuernys in hac parte et ad infrascripta duntaxat, videlicet ad exequendum breuia inquisicionum capelle per dictum Hugonem impetrata seu impetranda super dictis terris sibi per mortem dicti quondam magistri Johannis racione tallie ut premittitur spectantibus infra vicecomitatum nostrum de Inuerneys jacentibus. . . . Datum sub testimonio magni sigilli nostri apud Edinburgh decimo die mensis Marcii anno domini millesimo quingentesimo vicesimo primo et regni nostri nono.

Ex deliberacione dominorum consilii.

Sir John Campbell, knight, Thane of Cawdor, had seisin of the deceased Precentor's lands on 12th March 1521, the Crown taking a small composition.

I maister Jhon Campbell of Thorntoune tresorer to our souerane lord grantis me to have resavit be the handis of Donalt Makconell in name and

behalff of Jhon Campbell of Calder knycht, the soume of xl markis usuale and sufficiant money of Scotland in compleit and full payment of the compositioun of four scoyr of merkis aucht be the said Jhon Campbell of Calder knycht for the eschet of umquhyl maister Jhon Calder pertening to our souerane lord be raison of bastardry and sald to the said Jhon Campbell of Calder knycht . . . gevin under my signet and subscrivit with my hand at Edinbroght the xxvj day of Merche the yeir of God ane thousand five hundreth and xxij yeiris.

Mr. JOHNN CAMPBELL ther.

The deeds showing the social relations of the fierce clans who still used the ancient patronymic style, are more useful for Argyll history than for that of the district which this collection seeks to illustrate. But they all throw light upon the state of society in the Highlands, and a few are too curious to be omitted. The following transactions, however anomalous, are not without parallels in Highland charter-chests.

[ASSIGNATION OF MANRENT BY ARGYLE TO HIS BROTHER CAWDOR.]

Be it kend till all men be thir present lettres us Colin erll of Ergyle lord Campbell and Lorne shiref and lutenand of Ergile Terbart and of all the Ilis with the ferm landis annexit to tham, grantis us to haif gevin grantit and committit and be the tenor of thir our present writtis givis grantis and committis to our derrest broder Jhone Campbell of Calder knycht, the manrent and seruice of our traist frendis and seruandis Alexander M^c^allane M^c^royri and Donald Gromach M^c^donald Gallach and all thar kyne frendis and scruandis that dependis one tham, byddand and commandand to the saidis Alexander M^c^allane Donald Gromach M^c^donald gallach and thar kyn and frendis forsaidis to do leyll trew aud afauld seruice to our said broder in contrare all man that lief or de may, the kingis grace, my lord gouernour and ws beand allanerly excepit ay and als lang as we haif or may

get the seruice of the saidis Alexander and Donald onder all panis that the saidis Alexander and Donald may incur to the kingis grace and us without ony tynsaill to the said Alexander M^{c}allane Donald Gromach thar kyn and frendis forsaidis of thar lif landis or gudis and without ony udir of deplesair. In witnes of the quhilkis to be kippet in all and sindry poyntis forsaidis we haue set to and effixet our propir seill to this present writ togidder with our manuell subscription at Inueryra the day of the yer of God 1522 yeris. And this forsaid gift of the saidis menis manrent and seruice to indur ay and als lang as my forsaid broder dois to us leyll trew and afauld seruice as he suld do to his broder and cheife and na langar.

C. erll of Ergyl.

Cawdor Skipinche, Kilmichel, Berbrek.

Be it kend to all men be thir present lettres us Johne Campbell of Caudor knycht Archibald Campbell of Skyppinche [Archibald Campbell of Kylmechell and Angus Campbell of Berbrek] to be bundin and oblissit and be the tenor herof byndis and oblissis us in the stratast forme of obligacione and under the payne of periur and infamate for euir, and neuir to be rapute as gentillman, that we the forsaidis personis sall tak ane leill trew and afald part with other coniunctlie in all maner of honest and lessum actionis quarrellis clames or debatis that athir of the forsaidis personis has or sall haif ado in tym to cum in contrar all maner of man that levand is or de may, for all the dais and termez of our life, the kingis gras and my lord of Ergile beand alanerlie except. And gif it happinis the said Erle of Ergile our cheife to denud us or put at us in our heretage takis steddingis or rolmes or ony other thing we haif just titill to, or tak part with ony utheris at putis at us in the sammyn, as God forbeid he do, than and in that cas we the forsaidis personis byndis and oblissis us in forme forsaid, that we nor nan of us sall nocht gif our stedy seruis nor do na maner of other plesouris to the seid Erle our chiefe then to the tym the said Erle remeid the samyn, as ane

chief aucht to do to his kynnismen and conformand to our just titles. Alsua we the forsaid personis and part takaris byndis and oblyssis us in forme forsaid that we and ilkane of us sall use othiris counsale lawful and honest in all actionis debatable betwix us and our said chief now present or in tym to cum, and nocht ane of us sall aggre with our said cheif nor nan othir in ony mater debatable we haif ado bot with the avis and consent of all the forsaidis personis and part takaris. And to the faithful obseruyng and keping of thir premissis abone vritin athir of the said personis ar sworne and oblist the hale evangelist tuichit and has affixt thar propir seilis to the samyn togidder with thar subscriptionis at Dumbartane the xviij day of Merche the yeir of God ane thousand fife hundrethe and tuenty fife yheris.

JHONE CAMPBELL of Caudor knycht.
ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL off Skyppinche.
ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL of Kylmechell.
ANGUS CAMBELL of Berbrek with my hand at the pen.

The knight of Cawdor, endeavouring to make good his grant of the property of the Precentor of Ross, John Caldor, found that the goods were mostly in the hands of Hugh the Sheriff and his friends, whereby the Sheriff was an opposing party, and suspected of the law. On his complaint, the Crown named the Sheriff of Inverness and others, "Sheriffs in that part," to give the legal process for their recovery, "unless the said parties shall show that the Precentor had a sufficient legitimation and made a lawful disposition of his goods in his lifetime, and in *liege powste*." The appointment is under the great seal, by deliberation of the Lords of Council, 23d May 1522.

The writer of the Pollok MS. records briefly that "upoun the tent day of November 1523, Johne Campbell Than of Calder, slew Lachlane Makcleane in his bed, wnder silence of nicht, being than afoir aggreit of all debaittis." The following Remission is scarcely more instructive, and yet it may be held to afford some support to the romantic tradition which Miss Baillie has dramatized in THE FAMILY LEGEND, and which Mr.

Gregory has adopted as history; asserting that the wife of M'Lean, whose exposure by her husband gave name to the "Lady's rock," was the Lady Elizabeth, daughter to Archibald, second Earl of Argyll, and consequently sister to the Thane of Cawdor. —(*Hist. of Western Highlands and Isles*, p. 128.)

Remissio Johannis Campbell de Caldor Militis.

Jacobus · · · Sciatis quia nos ex gracia nostra speciali cum auisamento et consensu carissime matris nostre regine et dominorum nostri consillii remisimus dilecto nostro Johanni Campbell de Caldor militi et suis complicibus subscriptis ad numerum viginti quatuor personarum videlicet Angusio Campbell Makalexander Makane Nigello Campbell et Duncano Campbell fratribus Donaldo Makneill Makane Alexandro Maktawis Johanni Maksorlye Johanni Montgomery Waltero Montgomery fratribus Donaldo Makconell Duncano Makfarson Alexandro Makcorbye Donaldo Dow Makcorbye Johanni Maklucas Finlaio Dow Makallestir Andree Campbell Odoni Makdouill Makdunlane Nigello Makconchy Johanni Makgillecrist Maklafferdich Macolmo Makklaren Johanni Masoun Andree Masoun Johanni Maktorcull Makloid Donaldo Makdouill Gallach et Donaldo Makincardin latoribus presentium rancorem animi nostri sectam regiam et omnem actionem quem et quas erga ipsos seu eorum aliquem concepimus habemus seu habere poterimus pro proditoria combustione terrarum de Colinsuay in insulis ac proditoria interfectione quondam Lachlani Makgilleon de Doward infra burgum nostrum de Edinburgh sub noctis silencio ex precogitata felonia per viam murthuri et le hame sukkin tempore proclamacionis exercitus nostri apud Werk in Anglia ac contra statuta nostri parliamenti desuper confecta commissis, et pro omnibus actione et crimine que inde sequi poterint · · · dummodo prefate persone parentibus et amicis dicti Lachlani talem emendam faciant aliisque partibus conquerentibus et dampna passis taliter satisfaciant apud Edinburgh 15° Decembris 1524, et regni nostri duodecimo.

Sir John Campbell now, perhaps, for the first time, came in person to his northern possessions, whose attractions were soon to win him and his descendants wholly from the country of their paternal ancestors.

Ane Indentur and Compromit betwix Sir John Campbell of Calder and Huchon Ros of Kilrawok, of mutual frendship and amitie.

At Caldor the xiij day of Februer in the yer of God ane thousand fif hundereth and xxiiij yeris, it is appoynttit aggreit and finaly concordit betwix rycht honorable men viz. Jhone Campbell of Caldor knycht on the tane part and Hudsone Ros of Kilrawaig on that uther part in maner form and effect efftyr following. That is to say that athir of the saidis parteis sall tak utheris leyll trew and afauld part in all actionis querrellis clamis or debatable materis that tha sall happin to haf ado fra this day furth induring all ther dais and termis of thar lyvis and that nane of the saidis parteis sall vit heir nor se utheris skaith in thair personis seruandis or gudis bot tha sall stop it eftyr thar power and aduertice tham self tharof als sone as tha may. And the said Sir Jhone nor nane of his kynnismen that on him dependis frendis nor seruandis sall nocht desyr covet nor yit tak ony landis roumis takis officis nor stedingis that is heretage or was takis or heretage to ony baron of Kilrawaig or to ony of thar kynnismen or seruandis of tharis in tymis bygane, bot sall supple help and manteyn him self to get and bruik the sammyn, siclik as he wald do and tha var his awin propir roumis and sall solist his materis baith in the curt and out of the curt as tha var his awin materis. And in like wyis the said baron nor nane of his kynnismen nor seruandis sall nocht desir covit nor yit tak ony landis roumis officis nor stedingis that pertenis or that pertenit to the hous of Caldor or that ony thayne of Caldor brukit in tymis bygane, bot he sall supple help and manteyn the said Sir Jhone to get and bruik the sammyn likas he vald do and tha var his awin roumis and takis. And quhat uther roumis takis or officis that the said Sir Jhone gettis ony tytill of rycht to, within the north partis the said barone sall supple help and manteyn him

to bruik the sammyn like as he vald do and it var his awin mater. And siclike the said Sir Jhone sall supple help and manteyn the said baron to bruik all roumis takis or officis that he gettis ony titill of rycht as it had beyn his awin materis, and that ather of the saidis parteis sall vis utheris gud cunsale in all materis tha sall happin to haf ado in tymis to cum, and sall do for utheris men kyn and seruandis in thar awin absens siclik as tha vald do for thar awin kynnismen and seruandis. And quhat roumis or landis that athir of the saidis parteis happinnis to conques with help and supple of the tuther party tha sall part the saidis roumis or landis efter the avis and cunsaile of baith thar veill avisit kynismen and frendis. And the said Sir Jhone sall keip ferm and stabill this present aggreance and concord, bot gif it happin as God forbeid it do the said materis be aganis the kingis grace the erllis of Ergill or Murray or aganis M^{c} yntose, and siclik the said baron bot gif it be aganis the kingis grace M^{c} yntosach or the lard of Fynletter. In witnes of the quhilkis premissis to be obseruit and keipit in all poyntis abuf expremit baith the saidis parteis ar bundin oblisit and sworn the holy evangilist thuichit. And the part remanand with the said Sir Jhone of this present endentur the said barone hais subscriuit with his hand and hais affixit his awin propir seill to the sammyn day yeir and place befor writtin befor ther witnes Vilyam Dolas of Budyet Jhone the Ros in Narne Angus M^{c} alexander M^{c} ane Jhone the Ros the baron broder Valter Ros of the Holm Master Vilyam Caldor Maister Donald Brown with utheris diuers.

Huchon Ros of Kilrauok wyth my hand.

Ane Band betwix the Knicht of Calder and M^{c} intosche Fowlis Kilraookis and utheris.

Be it maid kend till all men be this present writ us Jhone Campbell of Cawdor knycht Hector M^{c} intosych Capitan of the clanchattan Hector Munro of Foulis Donald Ilis of Sleite Hutson Ross of Kilrawak to be bundin and oblist and be the tennor heirof and the faythis in our bodiis

leilelye and treulie but fraud or gile bindis and oblisis us in the straitast forme and stile of obligacion that we and ilkane of us sall keip afauld leile and trew part till utheris, and do ilkane for utheris in all maner of just lesum and honest causis or querellis mowit or to be mowit, or at athir of ther forsaidis personis hais or sall have ado in tymes cuming, and at nother of ther forsaidis personnis sall nocht wit nor heir athir of utheris skaythtis bot sall warne ilkane utheris as breder or amiable frendis sould do ilk nychbour till utheris. And giff it happnis that ony uther man or men at ar now at discord wyth ony of ther forsaidis personis desyr ony maner of band or kyndness of ony of ther personis forwrittin, that nother of the saidis personis sall nocht mak na maner of band wyth ony utheris without the avice and consent of all the personis forsaid. And quhen neid beis that ony of us charge utheris that we sall convene and forgader, ilkane to deffend utheris in all and sindry causis forsaid. And for the obseruing and keping of all ther pointis forsaid, all ther personis forwrittin haif suorrin the sacrament and haly ewangilist tuechit, and for the mair veriffication and securite heis subscribit this present writ and band wyth ther handis or hand at the pen at Innernis the last daye of Aprile in the yer of God M° v^{c} and xxvij befor ther witnes Jhone Williamson, Donald Willeam Allanson his bruder Robert Campbell in the Moye Alexander Doles and Sir Donald Munro notar publict wyth utheris diuers and sindry.

JOHNE CAMPBELL of Caudar knycht.
HECTOR M° INTOSYCH capitan of Clancattan with my hand at the pen.
HECTOR MONRO of Foulis.
HUCHON ROS of Kylrauok.
DONALD ILIS of Sleite wyth my hand at the pen.

Sir John Campbell of Cawdor, knight, and Archibald Campbell of Skipinche, had a gift of the marriage of their young nephew, Gilbert third Earl of Cassillis, in 1527. In the same year, Cawdor was infeft in the Barony of Kirktown and Inchbary in Invernessshire, on a charter from his brother Colin Earl of Argyll. The writs and evidences

of those matters are almost foreign here. The transaction touching the Sheriffship between the new lord of Cawdor and the son of the old Thane, is of more interest, but will bear abridgment. On the back of the (Extract) Contract are marked, in a contemporary hand, the names of Hugh Caldor's children — (he had no sons):— *Jonet of Caldour; Margere of Caldour; Muryell Caldour; Anne Caldour; Crystane Caldour.*

[CONTRACT WITH HUCHONE OF CALDOUR THE SHERIFF.]

At Striueling the sext day of August in the yeir of God l^m v^c xxviij yeris, it is appunctit aggreit and concordit betwix honorable men that is to say Sir Johnne Campbell of Caldore knycht on that ane part and Huchon Caldore shiref principale of Narne on that uther part in maner and forme as efter followis. In the first the said Sir Johnne with consent of Mereyel Caldor his spous sall infeft the said Huchone and his airis male lauchfullie gottin or to be gottin be his body in the aucht merkis land of Balmakeith liand towart Narne in excambium with the shirefschip of Narne with the pertinentis betwix this dait and the natiuite of oure lady nixt tocum, to be haldin in blanche ferm of the said Sir Johnne and Mereyel his spous and thair airis for ane reid rois yerelie gif it beis desyrit. And als the said Huchoun being infeft sall . . . resigne the said schirefschip in fauor of the said Sir John . . . in the handis of oure souerane lord to be haldin of him heretablie reseruand the franktenement of the said office to the said Huchone induring his lifetyme, and at the said Sir Johnne mak the comptis therof yerelie in our souerane lordis chekker And becaus the said Huchone sall gif his band of manrent to the forsaid Sir Johnne and his airis nane to be exceptit bot the kingis grace, the said Sir Johnne assignais the forsaid hale male dewities and proffettis of the said towne . . . to the said Huchone Caldour for his yerelie fee to be disponit as he pleis . . . Alsua the said Huchone presentlie sicklike promittis that he sall deliuer all maner of euidentis quhilkis he hes that pertenit to umquhill maister Johnne Caldour apone the land of Fothirty Ester

Ard and Ester Brackly and Mekil Budyeit, with all uther euidentis concernyng ther landis and utheris gif ony is, except the lands of Litill Urquhany and the third pert of Culbyn, and sall transfer all his richtis that he hes of the said maister Jhonne Caldour and landis abone writtin be ressoun of taillie and uther wais neidful in and to the said Sir Johnne · · · for the quhilkis the said Sir Jhonne sall deliuer to the forsaid Huchone sevin scoir of markis · · · fowrty markis for recompens of twa merk land quhilk suld be ekit to the forsaid towne of Balmakeith · · · and ane hundreth merkis for the ourgevin and transferring of the richtis and charteris · · · that pertenit to umquhile maister Johnne Caldour · · · Alswa gif it sall happin the said Huchone desire to infeft his bruther Alexander Caldour in the saidis aucht merkis land · · · the forsaid Sir John and Mereyel Caldour · · · sall consent therto · · · and als gif the said Huchone will annaly the saidis landis for money he sall haue licence and infeftment theron to be gevin quhais he pleis in this cais, that is to say the forsaid Huchone sall offer in the first the saidis landis for money · · · to the said Sir Johnne or to his airis as salbe notourlie knawin and sicklike as that he may haue of utheris that ar nocht sett for malice of the said Sir Johnne or hurt of the hous of Caldour; · · · the saidis partiis and ilkane of thame submittis thame · · · to the modeficatioun correctioun supple and interpretatioun of Sir Johnne Dingvel provest of the Trinite College and Johne Ros ballie of Narne, quhilk sall aggre and concord all materis debaittable betwix the saidis partiis · · · and the said Sir Johnne Campbell sall gif his band of mantenance to the said Huchone in dew form alsone as he ressauis his bandis of manrent · · · · Subscriuit be the saidis partiis yere day and place abone writtin befor ther witnes Archibald Campbel of Skipinche Johnne Ross baillie of Narne Sir Johnne Dingvel provest of the Trinite College Robert Campbell burges of Fores Johnne Harwar Walter Montgumry Johnne Ros Robsone maisteris Donald Broun and William Meldrum notaris publict with utheris diuers.

Instrumentt quhair Margaret Kinnaird delyweris her husbandis Seall to the Knicht off Calder.

. . . Nobilis domicella Margareta Kynnard sponsa prouidi viri Hugonis Caldor vicecomitis de Narne non coacta nec compulsa sed sua mera pura et spontanea voluntate utilitate sua undeque preuisa pensata et considerata, juramentoque per eandem dato tactis sacrosanctis dei euangeliis de non compulsione sed motu proprio animoque deliberato, dedit et deliberauit nobili et potenti viro Johanni Cambell de Caldor militi sigillum dicti Hugonis Caldor sui sponsi quo utitur in suis negociis ad sigillandum cartas euidencias instrumenta et documenta per dictum Hugonem Caldor vicecomitem de Narne suum sponsum eidem Johanni Cambell de Caldor militi data et facta, ut in dictis cartis euidenciis instrumentis et documentis continetur; et jurata est nunquam contra premissa in futurum deuenire.

[4 Decembris 1528. Actum in camera domini Thome Hay Scribe curie consistorialis Moraviensis infra collegium ecclesse cathedralis Moraviensis.]

In 1529, September 25, the old Sheriff was dead, and his five daughters, of whom one was called interchangeably Anne or Agnes, were served, in a Burgh Court of Nairn, his heirs, and had seisin in certain roods, acres, butts, tofts, crofts, and annual rents within the burgh bounds, some of which lay in the field called the Myll bank, between the lands of the Town-Clerk on the east, and the lands of the Abbot of Arbroth on the west. (What had the great Abbot to do in Nairn?) The top (*frons*) of some roods reached to the common highway (*communem viam regiam*) leading to Kildrummie, and the tail (*cauda*) to the river (*aquam dulcem de Narne*). Some of the boundaries are the lands of the Dean of Moray, (whose benefice was Aldearn, and his rural dwelling the *magna domus lapidea de Both*;) the Greschip lands (perhaps deriving their name from their pertaining to the office of Sheriff), the Galois field (*campo nuncupato lie Galois*), whose origin is too evident, though it takes the shape of "Gawis" elsewhere; a field called Eryne hill; a field called the Skaitraw (a name of street common in our fishing towns); the lands and the burn

of Balmakeith, across the river, the King's steps, the lands of Househill. Against which proceeding, the knight of Cawdor, three years later (27th April 1532), protested that it should not prejudice his right to the lands of Little Urchny and the crofts called the Sheriff's crofts, with the office of Sheriff. Witnesses—William Dolles of Buidvit, Alexander Dolles of Cantray, Walter Mungumry, John Mungumry.

Again (8th December 1530,) comes a band of manrent by a person who writes himself Ewyne M'Corkadile of Mavhelane, but who is styled in the indorsation the Baron M'Corcadyle, to the knight of Cawdor, which has no peculiarity to distinguish it from others by his neighbours.

On 11th May 1531, a bond of Archibald, Earl of Argyll, obliges him to enter his dearest eme Sir John of Cawdor, in the hundred merklands of Mukcarn, of old extent, pertaining to the Abbey of Ycolmkill, in the Lordship of Lorne, and to maintain and supply him in the peaceable bruiking and joising thereof. The deed was executed at Stirling, in presence of James Earl of Moray, Colin Campbell of Ardkinglas, Robert Innes of Invermarky, Walter Montgomery, Robert Rollok.

The following contract and discharge show the acquisition of the lands of Mekil Geddes and Half Rait, which had long been the inheritance of a race of Ogilvies, in exchange for lands round Forres.

At Elgin the xvj day of Julii in the yer of God ane thousand fyve hundrydth and xxxij yeris it is apunctuat agreit and finaly endit betuix honorable men, that is to say, Sir Johnne Campbell of Cauder knycht on that ane pert and Johne Ogiluy of Carnousseis on the uder pert · · · as efter followis. That is to say the said Johne Ogilwy byndis and oblissis hyme his airis and assignais in the souerest stile of obligacioun · · · to sell and analie heretabillie to the saidis Sir Johne Campbell his airis · · · all and haill his landis of mykill Geddes and Half Rait with ther pertenance · · · lyand within the shirefdome of Narne, to be haldyne of ane honorable man Walter Ogilwy of the Bowyne or his airis our lordis of the sammyne · · · For the quhilk alienatioun · · · the said Sir Johne Campbell his airis or assignais sall content and pay to the saidis Johne Ogilwy his airis or assignais the soume of thretten hundryth merkis usuall money of Scotland · · · sex hundryth merkis of the forsaid soume · · · to be pait at Pais nixt and immedeat following the dait

of this writ, and at the said terme of Pais the saidis Sir Johne Campbell his airis or assignais for the remanent quhilk is sevyne hundryth merkis in compleit payment of the soume of thretten hundryth abeif expremit sall infeft heritabilly the said Johne Ogilwy his airis or assignais in all and haill the saidis Sir Johne's landis of Moy with ther pertinence lyand within the shirefdome of Fores and barony of Cauder · · · under ane sufficient reuersion · · · beiring the soume of sevyne hundryth merkis · · · and how sone the said Johne Ogilwy his airis or assignais beis infeft heretabillie in the landis and barony of Schancar or the mast pert thereof lyand within the shirefdome of Forres and Elgin thane and in that cais the saidis Sir Johne Campbell his airis or assignais sall haue ful regres and ingres in and to all and haill the forsaid landis of Moy · · · payand therefor the soume of 700 merkis · · · · In vitnes of the quhilk we haf subscriuit thir present contrak with our handis · · · befor ther witnes ane nobill and mychty lord James erlle of Murray Robert Innes of Innermerke Alexander Cummyng of Altir William Sutherland of Dufhous master Dave Arlintoune subchantour of Ros Sir Thomas Hay vicar of Dufhous with uderis diuers.

JHONE CAMPBELL of Cawdor knycht.
JOHNNE OGILUY off Carnossy.

John Ogilvy of Carnowseys and Durne granted a charter in terms of the above contract, at Elgin, 5th November 1533, *reddendo* two pennies Scots yearly, and precept of seisin was issued thereon, directed to William Dolace of Budyait, on the same day, witnessed by James Earl of Moray, James Bishop of Ross, Robert Abbot of Kinlass, &c.

DISCHARGE BY JOHN OGILVIE.

I Johnne Ogilvy of Dorne grantis me to haue ressauit fra ane honorabill man Johnne Campbell of Caldar knycht the soum of sex hundreth merkis money of Scotland aucht be him to me to be pait befor the nixt fest of pasche efter the tenor of ane contract maid betuix him and me actit in the

officialis bukis of Murray therupoun . . . Attour I grant that the said Johnne hes fulfillit the said contract in all pointis eftir the tenor therof for his part to me except the infefting of me in the landis of Moy with the pertinentis liand within the shirefdome of Elgyne and Fores . . . quhilk infeftment I am content to ressaue for him ony time that he plesis to mak and deliuer the samin to me befor the nixt fest of Witsunday. . . . At Edinburcht the viij day of Aprile 1533 yeris befor thir witnes Walter Ogilvy Robert Innes of Inuermarke.

JOHNE OGILUY off Dorne.

A more important acquisition follows, though now less interesting to the family of Cawdor. The charter is very useful for Argyllshire history.

[CARTA FEODIFIRMÆ DE MUKCARNE.]

Uniuersis et singulis ad quorum noticias presentes litere peruenerint Farchardus miseratione diuina Sodorensis siue Insularum episcopus necnon commendatarius perpetuus monasterii de Ycolmkill ordinis Cluniacensis nostram infra diocesim ac eiusdem monasterii conuentus cum consensu et assensu discreti viri magistri Johannis Campbell terrarum nostrarum de Mukcarne ad nostrum monasterium antedictum spectantium pensionarii salutem in eo qui omnium est vera salus. Nouerint uniuersitates vestre quod licet nos tanquam commendatarius monasterii antedicti perpetuus et eiusdem conuentus unanimi consensu et assensu ad hoc capitualariter congregati, utilitate et commodo dicti nostri monasterii nostrorumque successorum undique preuisis pensatis et consideratis matura deliberatione ac diligenti et longo tracatu desuper prehabitis nostras terras de Mukcarne subscriptas viz villam et terras de Lyild extendentes ad quinque denariatas terrarum, villam et terras de Kilmacronag extendentes ad quindecim denariatas terraram, villam et terras de Cowlmadallicht extendentes ad septem denariatas terrarum, uillam et terras de Clasgarraik extendentes ad quinque denariatas terrarum, villam et terras de Farincht extendentes ad sex denariatas terrarum, villam et terras de Ardnaske extendentes ad

quinque denariatas terrarum, villam et terram de Killinaise extendentes ad quinque denariatas terrarum, villam et terras de Balyndeor extendentes ad septem denariatas terrarum, villam et terras de Ardagaw extendentes ad decem denariatas terrarum, villam et terras de Killespickeirill extendentes ad decem denariatas terrarum, villam et terras de Ardynvir extendentes ad sex denariatas terrarum, villam et terras de Skowle extendentes ad tres denariatas terrarum, villam et terras de Barhygillene extendentes ad quatuor denariatas terrarum cum dimidia, villam et terras de Duntawnichane extendentes ad quatuor denariatas terrarum cum dimidia, villam et terras de Barglas extendentes ad quinque denariatas terrarum, villam et terras de Drumynturne extendentes ad nouem denariatas terrarum, villam et terras de Clizenalry extendentes ad decem denariatas terrarum, villam et terras de Achnacassinde extendentes ad sex denariatas terrarum, villam et terras de Kilmolrwy extendentes ad quinque denariatas terrarum, unacum officio balliatus omnium et singularum villarum et terrarum superius expressatarum cum singulis suis pertinenciis, jacentes in dominio de Lorne et infra vicecomitatum de Ergile, egregio viro Johanni Campbell de Caldar militi et heredibus suis assedauimus arrendauimus locauimus et ad feudifirmam seu emphiteosim hereditarie dimisimus pro summa centum et nouem decem librarum nouem solidorum et duorum denariorum monete currentis regni Scotie nobis et nostris successoribus dicti monasterii abbatibus seu commendatariis et conuentui eiusdem annuatim nomine feudifirme in rentalis nostri monasterii antedicti augmentationem inde persoluendam prout in carta nostra dicto Johanni desuper confecta latius continetur. Et quia (nobis ut clare constat) in prouincia praua et perniciosa nostre terre antedicte jacent, de quibus summas et proficua in prefata carta specificatas, nec nos nec nostri predecessores unquam habere potuimus aut potuerunt nec eadem similiter vel verisimiliter apparet et arbitramur memoratus Johannes aut heredes sui habere poterit seu poterint, ac etiam nostrarum prelibatarum terrarum balliuus aliquam ipsarum partem suo pro salario seu feodo retroactis semper habuit temporibus, et memoratus Johannes et eius heredes nostri huiusmodi terrarum prescriptarum balliui nullum de nobis suis pro laboribus habent salarium quamuis nostrum rentale eorum pro dicte feudifirme securitate augmentarunt: Ob premissas igitur causas et

alias rationabiles nos ad hoc mouentes, necnon pro prenotati Johannis suorumque heredum auxiliis seruiciis supplementis et assistenciis nobis in nostri et monasterii nostri antedicti negociis licitis et honestis commodum proficuum et utilitatem eiusdem concernentibus prestantibus et impendendis, pro nobis et nostris successoribus dicti monasterii abbatibus seu commendatariis et eiusdem conuentu cum memorati magistri Johannis Campbell pensionarii antedicti consensu et assensu triginta nouem libros nouem solidos et duos denarios totalis et integre summe feudifirme suprascripte prelibato Johanni Campbell et heredibus suis presentium tenore pro perpetuo remittimus, et ipsos de huiusmodi triginta nouem libris nouem solidis et duabus denariis integre summe feudifirme predicte exoneramus et quiete clamamus per presentes inperpetuum ad effectum ut nobis nostrisque successoribus antedictis magis gratam de resta totalis summe feudifirme suprascripte extendente annuatim ad octuaginta libras monete superius expressate affuturis faciant temporibus solucionem. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum commune unacum nostris subcriptionibus manualibus necnon sigillo et subscriptione manuali prefati magistri Johannis Campbell pensionarii antedicti in signum sui consensus ad premissa presentibus est appensum apud monasterium nostrum octauo die mensis augusti anno domini millesimo quingentesimo tricesimo secundo
* coram hiis testibus domino Brino Vicario Ione insule ac decano de Mull, domino Rodorico Hectoris Joannis rectore de Morwarne Joanne canonico M^{c} duffe cum diuersis aliis.

FARQUHARDUS episcopus insularum et commendatarius Ione cum consensu capitnli.

ALLANUS MAKILLEON prior de Iona pro tempore, propria manu.

NIGELLUS PATRICII manu propria.

DONALDUS CELESTINI manu propria.

FINLAIUS M^{c} FEDDEN manu propria.

CRISTINUS monachus manu propria.

NIGELLUS LATHOM monachus tenta penna.

M. JOHANNES CAMPBELL manu propria.

Sir Johne Campbellis band of mantinance to Mᶜ cloid of Downveggan.

At Inuernes the x day of November in the yeir of God ane M v hundreth xxxiij yeris it is appoyntit concordit and fenelie endit betuixt honorabill men on bayth the parteis viz. Sir Jhone Campbell of Cauder knycht on the ta part and Alexander Mᶜ cloid of Dunvegan and Jhone Mᶜ chormeit of Menyenis on the thoder part in maner form and effect as efter followis, viz. the said Sir Jhone Campbell is bundyn and oblist be the faytht and trowtht of his body to fortiffe supple manteyn and diffend the said Alexander and Jhone Mᶜ cloid in their rychtis quarilis actionis and materis mowit or to be mowit quhatsumeuir, lyk as I suld do to my luyt and tender freyndis kep- and my promit of lawte mayd to uder of befoir and sall quhen ewyr the caus iniuris to ethyr of us the saidis parteis fulfill the band of Gossaprie quhen ony of us beis chargit be uder party in steid and lawte as Gossapis suld do. And in lykwis the said Alexander and Jhone Mᶜ cloid ar bundyn and oblist be the faytht and trowytht in thar bodeis to stand leill trew and aufauld to the said Sir Jhone Campbell in contra of all utheris, the kingis grace my lord of Argill and my lord of Murray alanerlie except. In wytnes of the quhilkis to be haldyne ferm and stable but ony reuocation obstakyll or agane callyng I the said Alexander of Downvagane hes subscriuit this present writ wyth my hand and to the mayr securite of this to be kepyt I haue affixt my propir sell heir to this part remanand wyth the said Sir Jhone yer day and place abun writin befoir ther wytnes Sir Fynlay parsone of Rore Mᶜ ane Vyckrore Sir Jhone Mᶜ faell Sir Jhone Mᶜ chrummen wytth uderis diueris personis.

On the 14th April 1534, a jury, of the best of the country at Inverness, served the Lady Muriel *domina moderna de Caldor*, as lawful and next heir of Mariot Sutherland, *olim domine de Caldor avie dicte Murielle*, and on the 6th November 1539 she was in like manner served heir to Alexander Sutherland her great-grandfather (*proavi*). A formal contract of marriage with Lochiel may be given at length.

[CONTRACT WITH THE CAMERONS.]

Thir endentouris maid at Mukcarne the first day of Junii in the yeir of God M v^{c} xxxiiij yeris betuixt honorable personis viz Sir Jhone Campbell of Calder knycht and Jonet his dochter one the tha part, Ewin Allansone capitan of Clanchamron Donald his sone and apperand and Evin the said Donaldis eldest sone one the thoder part proportis and beris witnes in thamself as efter followis, viz godwilling the said Evin Donaldis sone sall compleit the band of matrimone in faice of haly kyrk with the forsaid Jonet, and the said Jonet in lykwis godwilling sall compleit the band of matrimone with the said Ewin, and the said band of matrimone to be completit betuixt the forsaidis personis quhen thai cum to lachful aige. And the saidis Evin Allanson and Donald sall gif in the maist souer maner the landis of the Errycht extending to v penne land with the glennis and pertinents of the samin togider with the a penne land of Glassormoyr to the said Jonet in nayme of doware. The forsaid Sir Jhone Campbell for the completing of the said marrayge and geving of the said doware sall gif in nayme of tochir to the said Donald Evinsone iiij^{c} merkis, and ane hundreth merk to Evin his sone, and the saidis v^{c} merkis to be put in equale handis quhill it be put apone proffet of landis or utherwais as beis thocht expedient be the saidis Sir Jhone and Donald to the utilite and proffet of the saidis Evin and Jonet and ther ayris; and the payment of the saidis v^{c} merkis to be as efter followis viz ij^{c} merkis at the completing of the said marrage, and ane hundreth li. within ane yer efter the completing of the said marrayge, and ane uther hundreth li. in compleit payment of the said v^{c} merkis within ij yeris efter the completing of the said marrayge and band of matrimonie. Atour the said Sir Jhone byndis and oblisis hyme to fortife suple manteyne and diffend the said Donald in all his juste and lesum quarrelis quhilkis he hais or sall haue ado ay and quhill the completing of the said marrage siclyk as war completit. And the said Donald byndis and oblisis hyme to tak awfauld and leill trew part with the said Sir Jhone in all his juste

lesum queralis quhilkis he hais or sall haue ado siclyk as the said marrage war completit. And ethir of the saidis parteis sall nevir heyr nor se the schaith nor hurt of utheris bot thai sall varne thaim thereof and stop it at ther power. For the fulfilling obseruing and keping of all poyntis abune compromit bayth the saidis parteis ar bundin oblist and suorne, and for the mayr securite the said Donald for himself and his sone Evin has subseriuit this part and affixit thayrto his proper seill befor ther witnes Duncan M^{c} mertyne Duncan M^{c} Archibalde Campbell of Innerawa and Sir Jhone M^{c} faell with utheris diuers.

DONALD EWYNSON with my hand on the pen.

JOHNE AND DONALD WILLIAMSONIS BAND OF MANRENT TO SIR JOHNE CAMPBELL.

At Caldor the xxviij daye of August in the yeir of God M^{o} v^{c} xxxiiij yeris it is appointed and finalye aggreit betuix honorable men at ar to saye Schir Jhone Campbell off Caldor knycht on that ane part and Jhone William Allanson and Donald Williamson his bruder germane on that uther part in maner forme and effect as efter followis. That is to saye, forsamekle as the forsaidis Jhone and Donald of ther awin motive and for gud causis moving thame, ar becumin afauld leil and treu seruandis to the said Sir Jhone Campbell, and ar suoyrin the haly euangilist tuechit to serue hym leillye efter thar power in eyuere sort and sall nocht heir wit nor se his damnage nor skayth bot they sall resist to the samyn or ellis warne him deulye tharoff, as leill seruandis sould do, and sall serue the forsaid Sir Johne afauldlye and feyrmelye in contrar all maner of man that leve or dee may, our souerane lord the kingis grace, my lord erle of Murraye beand exceppit. For the quhilk the said Sir Jhone Campbell of Caldor knycht is boundin and oblist be the fayth in his body to manteine warrand and diffend the forsaidis Jhone and Donald in ther gud querellis and actionis as he sould and aucht to do till his kinnismen and seruandis and sall nocht wit nor heir ther skayth bot he sall resist to the samyn or ellis warne thame deulye. In

witnes hereoff bayth the forsaidis Jhone and Donald hais subscribit wyth thair handis at the pen this ther letter of manrent daye yeir and place forsaid befor ther witness maister Jhone Munro vicar of Urquhart and chanon of Ros and Sir Donald Munro prouest of Tayne and notar publict.

JOHNE WILLIAM ALLANSON wyth my hand at the pen.

DONALD WILLIAM ALLANSON with my hand at the pen.

A much decayed and scarce readable document, bearing the date of 29th October 1534, records under the seal of the Great Justiciar, the acquittal of John Campbell of Cawdor knight, indicted and tried at Inverness (John Campbell of Lundy knight acting as Depute for Argyll, Justice-General), for the burning of the Castle of Dawy and the slaughter of Hector Makkynoch and David . . . and for spulyie of certain cattle, horses, and other goods from James Ogilwy. That was speedily followed by the following acknowledgement, and the series of writs by which Cawdor became legal proprietor of the barony of Strathnairn and the castle which he had burnt. The barony was held of the Sovereign immediately, with all the baronial privileges of pit and gallows, infang and outfang thief, sok, sak, tholl, and theme. Castle David was the capital messuage and place of investiture. The *reddendo, jura et servitia prius debita et consueta.* Seisin followed on the Crown Charter, 17th February 1535.

[ACQUITTANCE OF THE PRICE OF STRATHNARN.]

Be it kend till all men be thir present letteres us Dauid erle of Craufurd lord Lindesay, etc. to haue ressauit fra the handis of ane nobill man and our traist causing Jhonn Campbell of Caldor knycht the soum of ane thowsand poundis gold and siluer usuale money of Scotland, for the wenditioun and alienatioun of all and sindry the landis and barony of Strathnarn liand within the shirefdome of Inuerness with tennentis tenandriis and seruice of fre tenentis with annexis connexis pendiculis outsettis fortilice of Castell Davy woddis schawis mylnis and multuris; togidder with the donacioun aduocatioun and richt of patronage of the kirk of Lundichtye as at lenth is specifyit and contenit in the charter and euidentis maid be us

to the said Jhonn Campell of Caldor knycht · · · subscriuit with our hand to the quhilk our proper seill is appensit at Dunde the 1 Nouember the yeir of God 1535 befor thir witnes Herbert Gledstanis Jhonn Moncur of Ballvuy Patrik Campbell maister Hew Lindesay dene of Angus, &c.

DAUID erl of Craufurd.

On the resignation of a prior gift by the Earl of Huntly, the Knight of Cawdor had a gift (1st April 1538) of the ward and marriage of the heir of Sutherland in these terms:—

· · · The malis fermes proffittis and dewiteis of quhatsumeuir landis annuell rentis mylnis multuris · · · now being or sall happin to be in oure handis be deces of umquhill Alexander Gordoun maister of Suthirland Adam Gordoun erle of Suthirland his fader Elizabeth Suthirland countes moder to the said Alexander or be deces of ony of thame be resoun of warde nonentres or ony uthir maner of way of all yeris and termes bygane and siclik of all yeris and termes ay and quhill the lauchfull entre of the richtuis are or airis thairto, being of lauchfull age with the relieff thairof quhen it sall happin and als the mariage of Johnne Gordoun sone and are of the said umquhill Alexander, and failyeing of him be deces unmariit the mariage of ony uthir are or airis male or female that sall happin to succeid to the saidis umquhill Alexander Adam or Elizabeth · · ·

The Bailliary of Straderne, or the upper valley of Findhorn, was conferred by the Earl of Moray, not the Regent, but his uncle.

James erle of Murray lord of Abernethy to our lowittis Alexander Doles of Cantray Duncano M^{c} behan in Dunmakglass our bailyeis specialie constitut greting. Forsamekle as we haf maid · · · our wele belovit Sir

Jhone Campbell of Caldour knycht our bailye of all and sindry our landis of Stratherne lyand within the shirefdome of Inuernes for all the dayis of the said Sir Jhones lyftyme and siclike hes sett him all and haill the landis of Corrybrochmoir Inwerbroch Dalchomoch with the glen Culloquhy and Corrymory extending to twa davachtis of land lyand within our said landis of Stratherne for all the dayis of the said Sir Jhones lyff. Quhairfor this precept sene that ye gif stait and possessioun · · · Giffin under our sele and subscriptioun manuell at Tarnuay 22 Maii 1539 yeris befor thir witnes Robert Abbot of Kinlos Archibald Campbell sone and apperand aire to the said Sir Jhone maister Robert Malcumsone and maister Petre Culbrech with uther diuers.

JAMES erle of Murray.

Catharine, daughter of Sir John, afterwards Countess of Crawfurd, was first married to a humbler neighbour. Here is her provision of dower:—

Omnibus hunc cartam visuris vel audituris Alexander Dolles filius et apparens heres Willelmi Dolles de Budyett salutem · · · Noueritis me · · · dedisse · · · dilecte mee Katherine Campbell in sua virginitate pro toto tempore vite sue in dotem maritagii, et heredibus inter me et ipsam legitime procreandis · · · totas et integras terras meas de Myltoun de Cantraygald · · · jacentes in baronia de Strathnairn · · · Tenendas et habendas predictas terras · · · dicte Katrine Campbell in sua virginitate in dotem maritagii in vitali redditu pro toto tempore vite sue · · · apud Elgin 15° Octobris 1540 coram hiis testibus honorabilibus et discretis viris Archibaldo Campbell filio et apparente herede Johannis Campbell de Caldor militis Johanne Mountgumry Waltero Montgumry · · · ·

ALEX^R DOLLES of Galcantra.

Seisin was taken 21st October 1540, for honesta domicella, Catherina Campbell, et in signum huiusmodi sasine et possessionis per dictum ballivum (Archibaldum Campbell) tradite eidem, balliuus unum bouem rubeum colore lie brandit cum cornibus albis pro sasina bona recepit.

Among the other mischiefs of our old Hereditary Judicial Offices, the following exhibits, perhaps, the worst, where a relative of the Justice-General, whether for love or hatred, obtains a special deputation to sit as judge on a neighbour capitally accused.

Archibaldus comes Ergadie dominus Campbell et Lorne justiciarius generalis · · · salutem. Sciatis nos fecisse et constituisse · · · dilectum nostrum consanguineum Johannem Campbell de Caldor militem nostrum deputatum et locum tenentem in hac parte in officio nostro Justiciarie ad infra scripta duntaxat, dans et concedens dicto nostro deputato et locumtenenti nostram plenariam · · · potestatem et mandatum speciale · · · curiam seu curias · · · statuendi · · · ac Patricium Ogiluy nunc apprehensum pro crudeli interfectione quondam Willelmi Stewart justificandi et justificari faciendi · · · eschaeta dicti Patricii Ogiluy si contingat ipsum conuictum fore de dicta interfectione thesaurario domini regis importandi · · · In cuius rei testimonium sigillum officii justiciarie · · · presentibus est affixum apud Edinburgh 23° Aprilis 1541.

Submission anent the lands of Strathnarne.

At Edinburgh the xxj day of Julii the yeir of God I m v^{c} xlij yeris, it is appoyntit aggreit and finalie compromittit betuix nobill men, that is to say Johnne Campbell of Caldor knycht on that ane part and James Ogiluy of Carden fear of ane part of the landis of Strathnarne on that uther part in maner forme and effect as efter followis. That is to say, forsamekle as the said Sir Johnne Campbell hes coft and gottin fra Dauid erle of Craufurd the superiorite of the saidis landis of Strathnarne with confirmatioun of our souerane lord as he allegis baith propirtie and tennandry and as his euidentis maid therupoun proportis · · · and as for the part of the said James Ogiluy on that uther parte allegis he aucht nocht hald the said landis of Strathnarne of the said Sir Johnne as superior nor to schaw to him his halding nor maner of his halding be na wyis as he allegis for caussis as he sall propone. Anent the quhilk actiounis caussis and all that dependis

therupoun baith the saidis partiis submittis thame to stand underly and abyde at the sentence and deliuerance of thir personis underwrittin jugis arbitratoris and amicable compositoris, that is to say, ane reuerend and venerable fadderis in God Robert bischop of Orknay Donald abbot of Cowper and ane honorable man maister Henry Balnavis equalie chosin be baith the saidis partiis or at the maist part of thame, and the jugis forsaidis sall tak this mater and the decisioun therof on thaim and in thaim as said is, the xxij day of Julii instant, and thairefter sall meit therupoun and convene in Edinburgh in Sanct Gelis Kirk the viij day of December nixt to cum and ther the partiis sall gif in their rychtis resonis and allegationis sic as thai will use in the said mater, and the said jugis sall decyde therintill as said is betuix the said viij day and the xv day of the samyn moneth next therefter In witness of the quhilk thing baith the saidis partiis ar bundin oblizt and suorne to utheris and hes subscriuit this present compromit with thair handis day yeir and place abone written befor ther witnes Sir Johne Campbell of Lundy knycht James Kynneir of Keythnes George Gray Sir Johne Campbell Sir Charles Lowbane with utheris diuers.

JOHNE CAMPBELL of Caudar knycht.
JAMES OGILVY of Cardell.

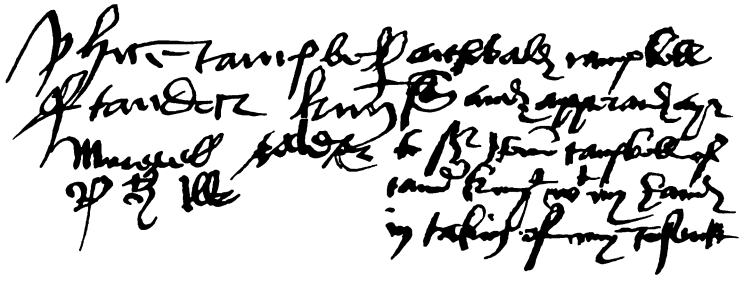
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Apud Edinburgh xxij Julii anno domini etc xlij°

The quhilk day Robert Bischop of Orknay Donald abbot of Cawpar and maister Henry Balnavis jugis arbitratoris and amicable compositoris within contenit hes acceptit and takin the materis debateable within exprimit betuix the partiis within compromittit in and upoun thame efter the forme and tennour of this compromit within writtin in all punctis. Super quibus omnibus &c.

At this period (30th September 1542) occurs a deed by Sir J. Campbell and the lady Muriel, settling on their son Alexander, the Easter half lands of Rait, as they were occupied

and manured by Janet Caldor and John Ros, *alias* Bayne, and the lands of Little Bandachar, as now occupied by the same tenants. To that charter Archibald, their eldest son and apperand ayr, affixed his subscription in token of his consent.



To his third son, Donald, Sir John granted the fivepenny lands of Kilmerroy, the sixpenny lands of Auchnacosschen and the fivepenny lands of Classcharvag, together with the office of Baillie-depute of the whole lordship of Mukcarne. The charter is dated at Stirling, 8th June 1544.

In 1544 (7th February) Sir John obtained from the Crown a tack, for eleven years, of the Crown lands of Stratherne, Petty and Brauchly, with the office of Bailliary of the same, being in the hands of the Queen by decease of James Earl of Moray, he paying the duties fixed in the Earl's feu-charter; and at the same time the Queen consented to an assignation by the Earl's widow to Cawdor, of a lease of the Crown lordship of Ross and Ardmannoch, in which she had been joint-tenant with the Earl.

Decreit amicable betuix Sir Johne Campbell of Calder, the Lairdis of Grant Mackenzie and utheris.

At the chanonry of Ros, the sewintein day of Januar, in the yeir of God I m v^{c} forte fywe yeris, it is apoyntit aggreit and fynaly endit betuix honorable men Sir Jhone Campbell of Calder knycht, James Grant of Frewcquhy Jhone Makkennych of Kyntaill Alexander Ros of Balnagowyn and Robert Monro of Fowlis for thame self thair aris kyn freyndis seruandis adheraris and parttakkaris dependaris on thame, forsamekill as the sadis personis haifand in rememberans the bluid allya frenschipe and nychbourheid desyrand unite concord and luif to be had amangis thame and in thair

rowmis for the commond weill of the cuntreth, to be bundyn obligit and sworyn and be the tenor of this presand band byndis and obligis thame and thair airis to tak ane leill trew and afauld part athir of thame with utheris in all ther just and lesum actionis querrellis clamis and debatis quhilk thay haif or hapins to haif in tymis cuming bayth in the law and by the law aganis all maner of man the quenis grace hir authorite the quenis grace hir modir beand exceppit be the forsaidis personis. And for the parte of the said Sir Johnne Campbell my lordis Cardinall Ergyill Huntlie and Countes of Murray, and for the parte of the said Jamis the Grant and Jhone M^{c} kennych, the said erle of Huntlie and Countes of Murray, and for the parte of the said Alexander Ros, my lordis of Huntlie and Katness the Countes of Murray M^{c} ky and M^{c} cloid of Lewis accepit, and for the parte of the said Robert Monro

as said is, and that in my lordis Cardinallis Ergylis Huntlyis Katness M^{c} kyis M^{c} clod Lewissis and Countes of Murrayis awyn actioune allanerly. And als the said Sir Jhonne Campbell Jamis Grant Jhone M^{c} kennych Alexander Ros and Robert Monro for thame selfis thair airis kyn freyndis seruandis adheraris and part takkaris dependaris on thame newir to hurt utheris in thair heritage takkis steddingis or natiwe rumis, bot to defend the samyn aganis quhatsumewir at wald inwaid thame excepe affoir exceppit in maner forsaid, and newir to heir or see skayth nor dishonor athir of thame to utheris bot sall reweill the samyn and stop it at thair utir powar. And attour sall gif to utheris thair best consall at all tymis as thay be requyrit and sall keip thair cunsall secreit, and sall newir mak band nor contrak at may be hurt or preiudiciall to this presand band bot the samyn to stand in all tymis cumyng in ewerylk poynt and artikill contenit therein in maner forsaid but frawd or gyill. And in keis as God forbeid, that athir of the saidis parteis thair kyn freyndis seruandis adheraris and part takkaris happyn to faill to utheris, than and that cais, the faill to be amendit be the remanent of the forsaidis personis contenit in this presente contrak. And gif ony of thame at the faill hapnis refusis to abyid at the seycht and delywerans of the remanent of the saidis personis, than and in that kais, the haill remanent of the forsaid personis sall tak playne parte with thame at abydis at thair consall aganis the brekar fray ther consall.

And for the faythfull obserwyng and kepyng of this presant contrak and band and ewerylk poynt and artikill contenit in it, the said Sir Jhone Campbell Jamis the Grant Jhone M^c^ kennych Alexander Ros and Robart Monro for thaym self thair aris kyn freyndis seruandis adheraris and part takkaris dependand on thaime ar bundyn obligit and sworyn and hes subscriwit the samyn with thair handis or led on the pen day yeir and place abune wrytin, and for the mair securite Archibald Campbell sone and apperand air to the said Sir Jhone, Jhone Grant sone and apperand air to the said Jamis, and Kennytht M^c^ kennych sone and apperand air to the said Jhone M^c^ kennycht hef subscriwit the samyn with thar handis, befoir thir witnes Jhone Grant of Culkabok Alexander M^c^ kennycht of Forbarn Mr Jhone Campbell commendatour of Ardchatten, Huchone Ros of Achenecloche Sir Nicoll Ros prebendair of Dunskayth, Patrik Dingwall with uthir diuers.

JOHNE CAMPBELL of Caudar, knycht.
JHONE M^c^ KENYE of Kintaill with my hand led at the pen be Sir Jhone Nicolson notar public.
JAMES GRANT of Fruquhy.
ALEXANDER ROS of Balnagown.
KENZE M^c^ KENYE of Brayn with my hand at the pen led be Sir Jhone Nicholson notar public.

In addition to the lands already settled on his son Alexander, the Thane obtained a grant from the Bishop of Moray of the church-lands of Flenesmore, lying in the barony of Ardclauch and regality of Spynie, to himself, and after him to his son Alexander and his heirs male, with power to dig, labour, and cultivate new farms (*novas culturas*). The *reddendo* is £6, 3s. 4d. as the old rent, together with 24s. for a mart, and 16s. for four muttons, and 4s. 8d. for four kids, and 12s. for four dozens of poultry, and 16s. for four bolls of oats, and 53s. 4d. for eight bolls dry multure; giving also suit and presence at three head courts at Spynie, and in the Bishop's court of Justiciary of his regality of Spynie. The charter is sealed by the Bishop and by the Chapter at the cathedral of Moray, on the 25th June 1545, and seisin was taken on 1st July.

On the 16th of August 1545, a Crown-charter passed, of the half-lands of Rait, the lands of Both, and the two Banquares, resigned by Sir John and Dame Muriel, in favour of their son and apparent heir, Archibald, and Isabel Grant his spouse, daughter of James Grant of Frwchy (she is often named Elizabeth), in conjunct fee.

In the spring of the following year, Sir John Campbell died, leaving great territories in his paternal country, as well as in that of his adoption. The lady Muriel, still lady of the old Thanedom, long survived him. With reference to the first proceeding in the following chapter, it will be remembered that Sir John acquired the Sheriffship of Nairn by a transaction with the last of the male Cawdors.

ARCHIBALD.

Hec inquisitio facta fuit apud burgum de Elgin coram honorabili viro Alexandro Dunbar de Cumnok vicecomite principali de Elgin et Forres ac vicecomite de Narne in hac parte, et Johanne Dunbar vicecomite de Narne deputato infra pretorium dicti burgi de Elgin decimo die mensis Februarii anno domini millesimo quingentesimo quadragesimo sexto per hos subscriptos, viz. Johannem Hay de Park, Dauidem Falconer de Lethyn Hugonem Ros de Kilraok Alexandrum Kynnard de Culbyn Thomam Brodye de eodem Jacobum Innes de Kromie Jacobum Innes de Dranye Willelmum Hay de Mayne Hugonem Haye de Urchnye Andream Sutherland de Greschip Willelmum Gaderar de Buthill Willelmum Dunbrek de Urcane Johannem Ros de Balleuat Alexandrum Tulloch burgensem de Fores Andream Ros burgensem de Narne Robertum Falconer de Laik Willelmum Fraser in Aulderne Thomam Brody in Kinstary et Archibaldum Millansone in Litiltary. Qui jurati dicunt quod honorabilis quondam vir Johannes Campbell de Calder miles pater Archibaldi Campbell latoris presentium obiit ultimo vestitus et sasitus ut de feodo ad pacem et fidem supreme domine nostre Marie Dei gratia Scotorum Regine de toto et integro officio vicecomitatus de Narne cum annexis et proficuis eiusdem. Et quod dictus Archibaldus est legitimus et propinquior heres eiusdem quondam Johannis patris sui de dicto officio vicecomitatus de Narne, reseruata tamen rationabili tercia parte terrarum quarumcunque si que sint probe domicelle Murielle Caldor olim sponse ac relicte dicti Johannis pro toto tempore vite ipsius Murielle. Et quod dictus Archibaldus est legitime etatis. Et quod

predictum officium valet et valuit sex libras, et tenetur in capite de suprema domina nostra Maria regina per seruicium warde et releuii. Et quod predictum officium est et fuit in manibus regine tanquam domine superioris ratione nonintroitus per decessum dicti quondam Johannis a die obitus eiusdem qui obiit primo die mensis Maii ultimo elapsi.

The service of Archibald, as heir to his father, John Campbell, in the barony of Strathnarne, with the fortalice of Castell Daue and patronage of Lumdichty, took place at Inverness, 1st March 1546, before George Earl of Huntly, Sheriff-Principal of Inverness. Among the assize were John M^{c} kenyie of Kintaill, William M^{c} kintosche of Dunachtane, Robert Monro of Foulis, Hugh Ros of Kilrawok, Thomas Dingwall of Kildone, Alexander Balye Constable of Innernys, John Cuthbert of Old Castle, Alexander Ros in Holme, George Straquhin of Killodyne, Patrick Bisset of Lessindrum, Walter Montgomery in Brichmone.

In Geddes, Rait, and Little Urchany, the new laird was infeft upon precepts from the superiors.

Archibald Campbell of Cawdor died in December 1551.

JOHN.

9° Januarii 1551.—The said day honorabill men Johnne Campbell priour of Ardchattane upon that ane part and James Ogiluy of Cardall on that uder part ar submittit and byndis thame to abyd and underly the decret arbitrale of ane nobill and potent lord Gilbert erle of Cassilis and Johnne Campbell of Lundy knycht jugis arbitratoris choisyne be the saidis partiis upon the decisioun and modificatioun of the wailowe of the marriage of the air or airis of umquhill Archibald Campbell lard of Caldar, togidder with the auentour of landis that may fall and waird that Meryell now Lady of Caldar is in coniunct fee off, conforme to the resonis to be gewin in therupoun, togidder with the decisioun and consideratioun of all landis quhilkis wairdis instantlie be the deceis of the said Archibald ; and siclyk upon the decisioun liquidation and dewyding of the awale of the landis of Strathnarn in propirte and tennandrie in sa far as pertenis as is allegit to the said James Ogiluy in heretage fra the remanent landis that wairdis pertening to the said land of Caldare. And als the saidis partiis hes referrit the maner and way quhidder the said James Ogiluy sall haf his gift of the said Johnne priour or of the quenis grace, and quhat he suld pay therfoir, conform to the said prioris compositioun. In vitnes heirof the saidis partiis hes subscriuit this present compromitt · coram testibus nobili domino Joanne comite de Sudderland, magistro Jacobo Jonstoun de Wamfray, Jacobo Ogiluy, Waltero Kenedy, necnon me domino Andrea Gray presbitero ac notario publico.

JOHNNE Commendator of
Ardchatten.
JAMES OGILVY of Cardel.

In February, the end of the year 1554, the same legal steps, used on the accession of Archibald, were taken to invest young John Campbell, as heir of his father Archibald, in the lands inherited or acquired by Sir John. On the Inquest at Inverness (15th October 1563), which served him heir of the Barony of Strathnairn, in presence of James Earl of Moray, Sheriff-Principal, were Canich M^{c} Kennych of Kintaill, Alexander Ros of Balnagown, Robert Monro of Fowlis, Hugh Ros of Kilrawok, Alexander Falconer of Halkerton, Robert Dunbar of Durris, William Fraser of Strowye, Y. M^{c} Ky of Far, Jasper Vaus of Lochslyne, Alexander Urquhard, Sheriff of Cromartie, Hugh Fraser of Gusachane, George Monro of Dawchchartie, Alexander Chesolme of Comer. His uncle, John Campbell, prior of Ardchattan, was his Tutor-at-law and guardian.

The following document is somewhat abridged:—

GIFT OF NONENTRIE OF GEDDES AND RAIT TO THE PRIOR OF ARDCHATTEN.

Be it kend till all men be thir presentis me Alexandir Ogilby of Doorn superior of the landis of Geddes and Rait with the fortalice liand in the samyn, with expres consent and assent of ane honorable man Thomas Menyeis of Pitfoddalis prouest of Abirdene my curator, to haif given and disponit to ane right venerable man maister Johne Campbell priour of Ardchattan, all and haill the nonentray of the saidis landis of Geddes and Rait, induring all the dayis and yeiris bigane at the samyn hes bene in nonentre sen the deces of my umquhile faider John Ogilby of Durn at the feyld of Pynky, and ay and quhill the feist of Witsonday nixt to cum, and that for ane certan soume of money · and now hes gevin at the making of thir presentis ane precept of entres to Johne Campbell pupill sone and air to Archibald Campbell of Calder. Subscriuit with my hand my propir sele affixit therto, and als the said Thomas my curator foirsaid at Abirdene 18 Februar 1555 befor ther witnes Dauid Mar, Gilbert Menyeis eldar, Michaell Menycis James Spens Dauid Ogilby and Patrik Dingvall.

ALEXANDER OGILWY with my hand.
THOMAS MENYEIS with my hand.

The Commendator of Ardchattan, on 10th March 1561, granted a charter to his beloved german, Master Alexander Campbell of Flines-moir, of five ploughs of Mekil

Geddes. It is dated at Edinburgh, and witnessed by John Lawmond of Inverin knight, no doubt the granter's father-in-law. The Commendator's subscription is *Jo. Commendator of Ardchattan, Tutor of Caddell.*

In 1564, there were some transactions between Catharine, Countess of Craufurde and her brother, Master Alexander Campbell of Flines, who sold her, for 1000 marks, under reversion, his lands of Rait, extending to eight ploughs, reserving two ploughs called Hilltown of Rait, set of before by him in life-rent to Jonet Calder, the person of whom the Countess of Craufurde writes to Kilravock as " Janet Cadal my ant " in 1576. *Kilr. fam.* p. 268.

In 1579 (8th May), these lands were redeemed by Cawdor from James Lord Ogilvy, " nearest and lawful heir of umquhile Katharine, Countess of Craufurde, his mother." He was the son of her second marriage.

Here let us find room for one more of these bonds of the wild tribes of the far west, whose names and usages have hitherto been little known to history or to the world.

JOHNE Mᶜ ACHOPICH AND HIS SONIS BAND OF MANRENT TO THE LAIRD OF CALDER.

Apud Ardchatten 8 Marcii 1569 quhilk day, John Mᶜ achopich and his sonnis Douncan Dave Archibald and Evir ar becumin ane fauld and perpetuall seruandis to the said John Campbell of Cawder and hais gevin ther band of manrent and ther calp alias vulgariter *kynbuther*, and hais tane and chosin him as cheif and maister, and sal be leill trew and seruable to him in all sortis contrer all maner of men the autorite alanerlie excepit, and sall bring to him the remanent of ther surnayme as thai best may be proces of tyme in the sam maner as thaim self ar becum, and the said Johne Campbell sall accep tham and ilkane of thame as thai cum · · · For the quhilk band of manrent and calp gevin be ilkane of thaim the said Johne Campbell of Cawder sall fortife manteyne and defend and accepis onder his saifgard and protection the said Johne Mᶜ achopich and his sonnis foirsaid, viz. Douncan Dave Archibald and Evar and the remanent of thar surnayme as tha cum in to him efteruart and gevin him ther calp as the foirsaid John Mᶜ achopich and his sonnis did, and sall do to thame in

all sortis as ane noble cheif and gud maister acht and suld do to his natif trew perpetuall and consideritt seruandis befoir ther witnes ane venerable fader in God Johne commendator of Ardchatten, Patrik Mᶜ allestir in Kyncraig, Achin Brydich Mᶜ Neill James Mᶜ phatrick Grant and Angus Mᶜ faell with uderis diuers.

JOHN Mᶜ ACHOPICH with my hand at the pen for me and my sonnis led be John Mᶜ faill notar public aboun.

The next document shows us John Campbell now of age, his grandmother still invested in the Thanedom:—

[RETOUR OF JOHN CAMPBELL.]

Inquisitio facta · · · 2 Junii 1570 per · · · Alexandrum Dunbar de Cumnok militem Willelmum Frisall de Strowe Hugonem Ros of Kilrawok Johannem Hay de Lochloy Alexandrum Brody de eodem Joannem Narn de Cromdell Thomam Tulloch de Flewris Nicolaum Dunbar de Newtoun Patricium Grant de Glenmoriston Alexandrum Hay de Fynesfield Archibaldum Dunbar de Peneik Dauidem Ros de Holme · · · Qui jurati dicunt quod quondam Archibaldus Campbell de Calder pater Johannis Campbell latoris presentium obiit ultimo vestitus et sasitus ut de feodo ad pacem et fidem s. d. n. Marie regine Scotorum de toto et integro officio vicecomitatus de Narn cum annexis, necnon de omnibus et singulis terris de Both et Mekill Banchory cum suis pertinenciis jacentibus in baronia de Calder. Et quod dictus Joannes est legitimus et propinquior heres dicti quondam Archibaldi de dicto officio vicecomitatus et de dictis terris de Both et Mekill Banchory, reseruata rationabili tertia parte acrarum pertinentium dicto officio si que sunt honorabili domine Murrielde Calder de eodem pro toto tempore vite sue. Et quod dictus Johannes Campbell est legitime etatis. Et quod dictum officium valet nunc per annum sex libras, necnon prefate terre valent summam viginti librarum, et quod dicte

terre valuerunt tempore pacis summam quatuor librarum. Et quod dictum officium et dicte terre tenentur in capite de s. d. n. Jacobo rege per seruicium warde et releuii. Et quod dictum officium et dicte terre sunt et fuerunt in manibus regis ratione warde per decessum Archibaldi Campbell qui obiit in mense Decembris anno domini 1551, usque ad dictum mensem in anno domini 1568 et a dicto mense fuerunt in manibus regis ratione nonintroitus.

The following bond shows the growth of a churchman's family ten years after the Reformation. Donald Campbell, who witnesses the bond, was uncle to the Thane:—

[Bond of Mc faills.]

At the Arde 14 Februar 1570 quhilk day it is concordit and finale endit betuixt ane honorabill man Jhone Campbell off Calder and his airis on that ane part, and his luiffit kynd seruandis Jhone Mc faill parsone of Kilnynvir, Jhone Mc faill vicar of Kilmaille, Angus Mc faill, Ewin Gillicallum and Iwir sonnis to the said Jhone Mc faill parsone of Kilnynvir and Dugall Mc faill brother to the said Jhone and thair ofspring ar becumin perpetuale men and ane fauld seruandis to the said Jhone Campbell of Calder and his airis, and hes giffin hym with ane consent and assent thair manrent and calpe efter thair deceis as ane cheyff lord and maister aucht to haiff. For the quhilk manrent and calpe giffin be thame and thar ofspring, the said Jhone Campbell of Calder and his airis sall fortifye manteine warrand and defend the forsaidis personis and thair ofspring and successione in all thair actionis querrelis clamis and rychtis . . . Befoir thir witnes noble and honest men Donald Campbell of Ychtirachtyme, Jhone Campbell his sone and appeirand air, Jhone Campbell of . . . Campbell his brother, Jhone Mc ey Vc Dunlaif with uderis diueris.

Jhone Campbell off Calder.
Schir Johne Mc faill parsoun of Kylnynvir with my hand.
Angus Mc faill with my propir hand.

A family contract of 30th August 1572, bears that the Lady Muriel's grandson, John Campbell, "apperand of Calder," and her sons, Donald of Ichterachyn and Duncan of Boyth, bound themselves for the part remaining unpaid of the tocher of 3000 marks, covenanted to be paid by Dame Muriel, with her daughter Marjory, the spouse of George Ros, fear of Balnagown.

We have indication of another inter-marriage with the house of Balnagown, in a charter granted by John Campbell of Cawdor to his uncle Duncan Campbell and Agnes Ros his spouse, of the lands of Both and Little Conlechane, dated at Elgin, 15th April 1574, and witnessed by John Grant of Freuquhie.

On the 9th June 1573, Dame Murield Caldor, fear of the barronye and thayndome of Caldor, ordained procurators,

. . . to resigne all and haill my landis of the thaynedom and baronie of Calder witht thair toure, the landis and barronye of Clunes and Boytht, the landis of Balmakaytht, of Rait lyand within the sherifdome of Narn, the landis of Moy lyand within the sherifdome of Forres, the landis of Dunmaglasche and tway Kinkellis, Kindeis, Innermarkye, Mulquhaych and Drummour lyand within the sherifdome of Inuernes, and that in favoris of Jhone Campbell elder sone of umquhill Archibald Campbell, my oy his airis male and assignayis, for ane heretable infeftment to be gevin to the said Jhone Campbell my oy. Sawand and reseruand to me during all the dayis of my liftyme all and haill the foirsaid thanedom baroneis, etc. Subscruit wyth my hand my propir seile is appendit at Caldor the nynt day of Junii the yeir of God 1573 yeiris befoir thir witnes ane noble and potent lord Hew lord Fraser of Lowet honorable men Huchoun Ros of Kilrawok maister Alexander Skeyne of Bonyetown Jhone Calder in Clunes Williame Haye of Urchnye and maister Martene Logye notar publict with utheris diuers

MUREYELL CALDAR of that Ilk.
HEW LORD FRASER of Louet vitnes in the premissis.

A Crown-charter follows, dated 22d June 1573, which unites the whole lands so resigned into one entire Thanage and free Barony, to be called the Thanage and Barony of Caldor, and seisin was taken thereon, 17th February 1573.

The Lady Muriel must have died soon after this investiture of her grandson.

The fee of the Priory lands of Ardchattan, set in feu to Mr. Alexander Campbell, now fell to the Thane of Cawdor as his heir of entail, though, from some imperfection or doubt of the title, he had to pay 1600 merks (600 in ready money) to his uncle, the Commendator and Bishop, who reserves his own liferent and a tierce for his wife Isabel Lawmont and subscribes his contract (26th October 1573) in this fashion,—Jo. B. OF THYLIS.

The lands of Arderseyr, part of the ancient patrimony of the See of Ross, passed in the days of dilapidation into the hands of Leslies—charter by David Panter Bishop of Ross to his brother (*dilectum fratrem nostrum*) Robert Leslie, 3 October 1556—from whom they were bought by the Thane of Cawdor. It would seem that the sellers thought it necessary to set forth some reason to justify their alienation of such property.

[CONTRACT OF SALE OF ARDERSEYR AND DELNEIS 1574.]

It is appoyntit and finalie concordit betwix honourabill personis Johne Campbell of Caldour on the ane pairt and Robert Leslie eldast lauchfull sone and appeirand air to Robert Leslie of Arthurscheir and the said Robert Leslie eldar and Jonet Elphinstoun for thameselffis in maner as efter followis. That is to say the saidis Robert Leslie eldar and youngar and the said Jonet Elphinstoun haueing consideratioun of the great and intollerable damnages iniuries and skaythis done to thame be Lachlane Mackintoische and utheris of the Clanquhattane in herreing distroying and making herschippis upon the said haill landis of Arthurscheir and fischeingis therof, in depaupering of the tenentis and occupearis therof and debarring of the saidis personis ther selffis ther factoris and seruandis fra ony maner of fischeing of that pairt callit the stell of the nes of Arthurscheir be braking of ther coubillis and cutting of ther nettis, sua that the samyn hes bein waist and unoccupeit thir diuers yeiris without ony proffeit therof to the personis foirsaidis, quha alsua as yit ar secludit therfra without ony appeirand houp of reparatioun of the saidis iniuries, or prouisioun for bruiking of the samyn peceablie in tymes cuming, in respect of the accustumat enormiteis of the saidis Clanquhattane in thai pairtis and ther

power to execute the samyn ; and therfoir and als in respect of the sowme of money to be payit be the said Johne Campbell of Caldour, the said Robert Leslie; etc. sall annalie and heretablie sell to the said Johne Campbell of Caldour, all and haill the saidis landis and baronie of Arthurseir, the landis of Eister and Westir Delneis contigue adiacent to the saidis landis, togidder with the fischeing of the stell of the nes of Arthurseir, alsweill salmond as quhitt fischeing, to be haldin of the bischop of Ros. For the quhilkis caussis the said Johne Campbell obleissis him to content and pay the sowme of twelff thowsand fyve hundreth markis. Befoir thir witnes honorable men Johne Grant of Frewchie Mr. William Grant in Tullibo maister George Leslie persoun of Morthlak Mr. James Donaldsone.

JOHNE GRANT of Fruquhy witnes. JHONE CAMPBELL off Calder.
ROBERT LESLY.

A contract and discharge, given at the fortalice of Calder, 4th January 1575, marks the final settlement of the dower of Beatrix, the Thane's sister, the spouse of Patrick Grant of Glenmoriston.

APPOINTMENT BETUIXT JOHN CAMPBELL OF CALDER AND DAVID DUNBAR ANENT THE SLAUCHTER OFF WILLIAM LYOUN.

At Forres 9 Januar 1578 yeiris, it is aggreit and finalie concordit betwixt honorabill personis Johne Campbell of Calder takand the burding on him for Thomas Calder in Clunes Johne Or in Moy and the remanent of his servandis and tennentis quhilkis ar allegeit to be at the taking of Dauid Dunbar portioner of Kinsterie and the slaying of his twa servandis to wit Alexander Dauidsone and Williame Lyoun, on the ane part ; and the said Dauid Dunbar portioner of Kinsterie for his awin pairt, and takand the burden upoun him of the wyffis barnis and nerrest frendis of the saidis umquhile Alexander and William his servandis, on the uthir pairt: That is to say, for reconsiling of all elis and in speciale for the allegeit taking of the

said Dauid and slaying of his saidis seruandis, and sicklyk for the allegeit deforcement committit be the said Dauid aganis Johne Or shireff depute of Narne, the saidis pairties ar compromittit in thir personis following as jugis arbitratoris, to wit for the pairt of Johne Campbell of Calder, Jhone Grant of Frewquhy Johne Lesly of Parksill .Patrik Grant of Ballindalloch Maister Alexander Dunbar dene of Murray James Dunbar of Tarbat and Duncane Campbell of Both, and for the pairt of the said Dauid, Walter Urquhart shireff of Cromertie Robert Monro of Foulis Johne Gordoun of Petlurge Alexander Falkconar of Halkartoun Alexander Gordoun of Knokespok and Johne Gordoun of Carnborrow. The saidis jugis sall convene within the burgh of Forres and paroche kirk thairof the tent day of Februar nixt to cum. All criminale or ciuile letteris purchest be ather of the saidis pairties salbe desert and dischargit. Alsua the saidis pairties sall be harmles and skaythles and sal haif fre libertie to pas in all partis quhair thay salhappin to haif ado, and this present assurance to induir to the fyftene day efter the ourman hes gevin furth his decreit, under the pane of periurie and defamatioun. Befoir thir witnes David Dunbar appeirand of Durris Maister William Grant in Tullibo Robert Tulloch of Tannachis Alexander Stewart of Kellachmartyne Johne Grant in Kynbeauchie Patrik Grant of Rothemurchis with utheris diuers.

JHONE CAMPBELL of Calder.
DAVID DUNBAR off Kinsteri.

CONTRACT BETUIXT JOHN CAMPBELL OFF CALDER AND JHONE DOWE M^{c} V^{c} INNIS.

At Dunstaffynche the xx October 1578, it is agreit betuixt ane honorabill man Jhone Campbell of Calder on that ane part and his cousing and seruand Jhone Dowe M^{c} V^{c} innis tutor of Dunstaffinche on that uther part in forme and effect as efter followis. That is to say the said Jhone Dowe promittis faythfulle to be ane trew kynd anefauld seruand to the said Jhone Campbell of Calder and to tak ane plane part with him aganis all maner of

persone, the authorite and my lord erle of Ergyll onlie acceptit, and sall serue hym within and without the cuntre as the said Jhone Campbell ressonable sall haif ado, on his awin expensis. And in cais ony occasion of truble or controuersye occur in the said Jhone Campbell of Calderis absence aganis his cuntre or seruandis within the barony of Mocairn, in that caice the said John Dowe promittis faythfulle to assist and fortefie the said Jhone Campbellis seruandis and cuntre, and siclyk sall do to the said Jhone Campbell as to his maist undouttit maister and superior under my lord off Ergyll, and sall caus the rest of his freyndis cumin of his hous do siclyk. For the quhilk kyndnes and gratitudis to be done the said Jhone Campbell promittis to stand ane trewe anefauld maister and defendar to the said Jhone Dowe his frendis and dependaris on hym, and sall tak thair plane part according to the dewite of ane gud maister. Befoir thir vitnes Jhone Campbell of Ychterrachym Jhone Campbell of Eriska Donald Campbell M^{c} ewin Dufe Archibald Gilpatrick M^{c} fynlay Scir Goldsmyth with utheris diuers.

JHONE CAMPBELL off Calder.
JHONE CAMPBELL alias M^{c} v^{c} angus tutor of Dunstaffynche with my hand laid on the pen be Angus M^{c} phaill minister of Mocarn in presens of the vitnes foirsaid.

The following contract shows the final renunciation of the claim of "Kindness" of the Clan Mackintosh in the old Church lands of the Bishoprick of Ross.

THE CONTRACT OF APPOYNTMENT BETWIX THE LAIRD OF CALDER AND M^{c} INTOSCHE.

At Ardrosseyr 17 Junii 1581 yeris it is aggreit and finalle concordit betuix the honorabill personis Johne Campbell of Calder and Lauchlan

M^{c}intosche of Dunnachten as efter followis. That is to say for remuveing deleting and away putting of all pleis and debattis that hes bein betuix tham in tymis bypast, and for luiff freindship ametie and hartle kyndnes to be and reman betuix tham and thair posteriteis, the said Lauchlane M^{c} intosche renuncis and dischargis all jure richt tytill of richt and claim kyndnes and possessioun quhilkis athir his predecessoris his self his airis successoris had in tym bypast or tym herefter to all and sindry the townis and landis of Ovir and Neddir Ardrosseris ailhous therof salmond fisching of the samyn and the Estir and Westir Delnyis; and als sall instantlie with his hartlie frendschip fauor and kyndnes entir the said Johne Campbell peceabillie therintill. For the quhilkis caussis the said Johne Campbell of Calder sall frielie purele exoner and discharge the said Lauchlan M^{c} intosche of Dunnachten his airis and successoris of all maner of wrangis intrusion and intrometting with the forsaidis landis, and renuncis all decreitts past therupon aganis the said Lauchlan befoir the lordis of the sessioun; and forder the said John Campbell exoneris quyt clamis and simpliciter dischargis the said Lauchlan M^{c} intosche his airis executoris, his haill kin frendis and seruandis of all maner of slauchteris of quhatsumevir personis committit and slain be tham upon the said John Campbell his kine frendis allya seruandis and dependaris in all tymis bypast, and the said John Campbell acceptis the said Lauchlane and his foirsaidis in als great fauor hartlie kyndnes freindschip and famelearitie, renuncing all malice and rancowre of hart, as giff the said Lauchlane nor his foirsaidis had nevir commitit ony manner of slauchtir, and the said John frielie consentis that the said Lauchlane M^{c} intosche of Dunnachten James Makintosche M^{c} connaillglas Angus M^{c} intosche Alexander Dolles of Budyett, and the remanent of the said Lachlanis kin, sa mony as the said John causit to be putt to the horn, be simpliciter relaxit therfra. In wittnes heiroff bayth parteis hes subscryvit ther presentis befoir thir witnes Alexander Keyth of Glakreoch, Alexander Urquhard den of Ros Maister Jhone Keyth parsone of Duffus Williame M^{c} queyne subden of Ros Angus M^{c} intoyschie in Termit, etc.

LAUCHLAN MAKINTOSCHE of Dunachtin.
JHONE CAMPBELL off Calder.

The M'Gregors, never of very fixed domicile, may have touched the Cawdors either in their Argyll territories or on the southern boundary of their old Thanedom. Their bond of manrent is somewhat abridged.

Clane Gregoris band to Johne Campbell of Calder.

Be it kend till all men be thir presenttis lettiris me Ewin M^c^ gregor tutor of Glenstrahe with the rest of my haill brethrein, and all that will do with me and my said brethrein till haiff bundin and obleist us to haiff giffin and graunted our haill band of manheid and seruice with all guid or pleasor that we and our parttakeris may do, to ane richt honorabill man Jhone Campbell of Calder with his seruandis assisteris and parttakeris quhatsumewir, taking part with him in all his luissum and honest affaris or adois, and sall nocht heir nor sie his skayth nor hurt on na wais on maid him aduerteist thairof. And in singe and teakin of my gudwill to the said Johne Campbell of Calder, giff it sall happin as God forbeid, that ony hurt or skayth of my lyff sall happin unto me, I be thir presenttis leiff the said Johne Campbell tutor and ouerman to my eldest sone Grigor with all that I sall leif to him bayth in gudis and gear, be this our band of manheid and seruice, befoir thir witnes Coline Campbell son naturall to umquhill Archibauld erle of Argyll Jhone Campbell tutor of Innirawe ; and als we sall caus the rest of our brethrein afferm and subscryve the sam.

Ewine Makgrigour tutour of Glenstrahe with my hand at the pen led be Jhone Dinguell.

Duncane Makgrigour of the Phanis with my hand at the pen led be the wretar abon wretin.

The following notes are taken from documents preserved at Kilravock :—

At Elgin and Lethin 10 and 15 Maii 1585. Submission betuix richt honorabil men Johne Campbell of Caddell and Huchone Ros of Kilraukis and William Ros his son and apperand heir : the Arbiters Alexander Falconer of Halcartoune Robert Leslie of Dowglie Maister Johne Keyth persone of Duffous Johne Hay of Lochloy Angous Williamsone of Termy David Ros of Holme Johne Dowglas prebendar of Ruissill and David Dunbar of Grangehill as neutral friends to decid the richt methis betwix the lands of Delneis pertening heritablie to the said John Campbell, and the lands and barony of Kilravockis and Kildrummeis pertening to the said Huchone and William, and also to decyd all obscuritie and difference of utheris merchis quhatsumevir betuix the said parteis : Which arbiters elected ane noble and potent lady Dame Annes Keythe Countes of Ardgyill and Murray as ode person and ovirswoman.

The mutual friends accepted the reference at the merche hillock callit Knoknachreyth between Kildrummie and Nairn and met on the lands, and there, on the 11 June 1585, the noble Lady and the other Arbiters declared the marches of Delneis and Kilravock and Kildrummy to be in manner following.

Beginning first at ane strype callit ferthleach be west ane hill callit Drumnagnassach be west the Rest quhilk strype devydis the saidis landis of Delneis and Kilrawokis and Kildrymmeis at the est from the landis of Flementon Brachlie and Petty at the west, and ane merche stane sett and standand upon the edge of the est syd of the said strype, Provyding that the middis of the said strype be reput and haldane in all tyme cumming the verrie propir merche of bayth the saidis lands of Delneis and Kilrawocks, and so from that stone East and North-East by stones on the hill of Drumnagnassich the hill of Knoknakelleith (north-east the moss) the hill called Tomenagarow, the north est shoulder of ane hill caleit Tomelar and so on to uthir tway merche stanes quhilk standis togydder within the braids of twentie spaicis or thairby.

The other lands of the parties are marched by a line drawn from the eastmost of these two last mentioned stones direct (in the direction) to the heycht of the house and tower of Incheschoch pertaining to Johne Hay of Lochloy as wind and wedder shears—the lands on the north to be Cawdors on the south Kilravocks, in so far as they have lands within these bounds respectively. Cawdors lands of Rait and Mill of Rait to be marched from Kilravocks lands of Easter Geddes by the burn as it then flowed freelie be natural descent fray the quheel of the mill of Rait into the water of Nairn, and the hous biggit be William Ros on the east side of the Intak of the said mill of Rait to be demolessit ; but both mills to bruik their liberties in water of the burn for serving of thame, as also their schilling hills as they have and josis now.

The decree is subscribed by all the Arbiters (Termit alone unable to write) and witnessed by Alexander Hay of Fynesfield, David Brodie of that ilk, Williame Mᶜquene subdene of Ross, Thomas Caldour in Clwnas, Donald Caldour in Little Urchany, Johne Ore in Moy, David Ros in Brachtlie, and Maister Mertene Logye notar public.

The Countess, the mutual friend of the parties, the daughter of the Earl Marischa widow of the Regent Earl of Moray, wife of Argyll, a much-honoured lady in that time who managed her own affairs and those of her two families, and was ever ready to help a neighbour—signs after the simple old manner, still not unknown in Scotland, by her maiden name—ANNAS KEYTH.

The Will of the Thane's uncle, John Campbell, Prior of Ardchattan and Bishop of the Isles, is found at Cawdor in his own handwriting. The succession of the Bishops of that see is confused and uncertain throughout, but, about the Reformation, it becomes inexplicable. John Campbell seems to have been Bishop before and after John Carswell, who was presented by the Crown in 1566, and was dead in 1572.

THE MINUT OF JOHN BYSCHOPPE OF THYLIS TESTAMENT AND LATTER WILL.

Imprimis my saul to the eternall my God, my bodye to be bureit in Ecolmkill gyf God callis me their, and to be laid with byschoippe John Campbell in Sanct Michellis crwist quhilkis I haif mendit and thekit.

I laiff John Campbell of Calder my brother soyne my only executor and I laiff him my soyne Coleyne and my tuay dochterris.

I laiff him twynty thowsand markis at I haif gottin decreit of for the yeris of befoir the lordis of cessione aganis the men of the ylis contenit in the decreit.

And I laiff hym uther twynty thousand markis sen syne restand of yeris sen the decreit and of this nay thing pait except saymekill as Mᶜ gillechallum Rawsay pait, and ten of my kye and xxxvj tuay part meill and half scheis I resauit at Mᶜ clanis command of my hail levyng and xvjj bollis or thairby of my grange farym yet that is lyand to make malt of.

I ordane my soyne Coleyne to be provydit of his pencion as is contract to hym tuay hundreth pundis be yeir of the lewyng of Ecolmkill, his awin few malis comptit in the begynnyng of it, fraye Alexander my soyne, and I laiff hym thre thousand markis of my dettis awand me, and to ilk ane of my

dochterris ane thousand markis. I ordane to my wyif thre hundreth markis, by hir landis. I ordane the lard of Calder to pay of my geir to dettoris . . . I ordane ane hundreth markis, by hir tocher, to Margret. I laif to Dauid M^c^ feye harper, by his hundreth pundis I aucht hym, with the feye, sax lib. I ordane all my small dettis that ony clamis to be pait be the lard of Calder. I ordane Duncan Campbell Donald Campbellis soyne of Kylmechell feall twelf pundis, and tuelf merkis to Duncan Dowe to be pait be the officer of Strawkennych. I ordane the half at fallis of my geir of Ardchatten and croppe of law to my wyif, the rest pertening to me to the lard of Calder. I ordane Malcum Makbahing to get of the lard of Calder payment of xxx merkis restand of his feall and ten pundis mair. I ordane to my boyis Donald Makbaxster ten pundis, to M^c^ oleif vj lib. to M^c^ kennand ten pundis, to John M^c^ baxter xij lib. to Makewyr thre lib.

I laiff to my syster my ladye Lowet to be deliverit be the lard of Calder to hir to be gyffin be hir discretion and the lard of Calderis to the help of my freyndis my brether sonnis and dochteris and my motheris freyndis v hundreth merkis. The rest of my haill geir I gyff to the lard of Calder free to support hym and the hous I com of and the man I laiff my barnis and posterite to, and at I wald fanest stuid in the warryld. I laif the lard of Calder, by this, my haill annuel of all my beneficis, sax hundreth merkis awand me in Ylaye as the particularis ar wryttin in my buikis and John M^c^ allister V^c^ lauchlayne steid for thayme togydder with my comprysingis led aganis M^c^ clayne and the men of the ylis. And gyf M^c^ clayne aggre with the lard of Calder, I laif M^c^ clanis eschait to the lard of Calder to dispone to M^c^ clayne or to tak uppe as he fyndis guid. Item I laif hym the gyft of the eschaittis of Huistone M^c^ gillespicclerych Donald his brother Malcomuill M^c^ nicoll and Nicoll his brother and the letteris therof with mony uther of my principal letteris in buit.

Item I laiff to the puir tennentis of Ardchatten viiij lib. of victell to be disponit at the lard of Calderis sycht, I meyne of the barony and nocht of the tune, for I laif naything to ony in the tune, bot thre bollis victell to M^c^ gillechonill and ane boll to the cord; and I laiff to the puir folkis of Ecolmekill vj lib and four pundis to the puir folkis of Ardchatten. The rest as the lard of Calder fyndis guid. I ordane the lard of Calder to gratifye

my scheif as he thynkis convenient; and thir dispositionis to be pait as this geir may be gattin in. Writtin and subscriuit be my hand at Ecolmekill this ferd of October anno 1585.

Jo. B. of Thylis.

The king presented John Campbell, son to Mr. Alexander of Flines, to the vicarage of Evan, 24th February 1585.

Bonds of friendship, looking but half friendly, and bonds of manrent and *fostering* with the Argyllshire neighbours, are now become too common as well as too lengthy for insertion; but the two following bonds, dated, it will be observed, the same day, are not to be passed over. They show the manner in which the affairs of Scotch families were managed, where the nobles, and lords of less degree indeed, only copied the practice of the King's Palace. The "Raid of Ruthven" was still fresh in the memory of these plotters.

[Bond between Cawdor and Lochnell.]

At the Ill of Lochnanell 21 November 1586 yeris, it is appoyntit concordit aggreit and finallie endit betuix honorabill men Jhone Campbell of Calder on the ane pairt, and Archibauld Campbell of Lochnanell on the uthir pairt as efter followis. That is to say the saidis personis seing the abuse of thais quha now keipis my lord of Argyllis body, the in deling the misusing of my lordis freindis, the greit oppressioun thift and wrangis done within the cuntre without correctioun, hes bownd ourselffis and be thir presenttis bindis and oblessis us faithfullie be the fayth and treuthe of our bodyis, to concur assist and tak plain and anefauld pairt with utheris in reparinge and amending the saidis abussis sa far as lyis in our power to my lord of Argyllis honor and weill, and to the quyetnes and tranquilitie of his lordships cuntrie and frendis. And becaus that the occaution and grownd heirof cumethe of the particular deling of thais quha hes my lordis body in keipping in a maner captyue in sick sort as my lordis speciall freindis can nocht haif excesse to his Lordship to do thair luissum affairis, nor yitt to giff thair oppinioun as thai war wont to giff to his lordships predicessoris of befoir, we the saidis personis bindis and oblesses our selffis till uthir to tak

plain and ane fauld pairt withe uthir in putting of my lord to libertie in his awin hous, sua that his haill kyne and frendis may haif excesse to giff thair opinioun and counsaill in his lordships adois according to the accustomit maner of thair predicessoris to his lordship, to the effect that this cuntrie may be purgeit fra sick filthye oppressionis thift reiff and uthiris kyndis of abussis quhilk ar latlie cruppin in; onlie through the occaution misgouirnament and perticularlie of thais quha hes his lordships body in keiping as said is. And als be thir presentis we bind and obleis oure selffis ilk ane to uthir to tak plain and ane fauld pairt and to die and leiff withe uthir in all our awin particularis and lussum affairis aganis all deidlie, the kingis maieste and my lord of Argyll onlie excepted. Be this our obligatioun and contract subscryvit with our handis at Lochnanell day yeir and place abon wretin befoir thir witnes Ewin M^c^ grigour tutour of Glenstrathe Johne Campbell of Ereskay and Johne Dinguell wretar heirof.

JHONE CAMPBELL off Calder.
AR^D^· CAMPBELL of Lochnanell.

THE BAND OF AMETIE BETUIXT THE LAIRD OF CALDER AND ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL.

At Lochnanell the tuentie ane day of November 1586 yeris, it is appoynted concordit aggreit and finallie endit betuixt honorabill men Jhone Campbell of Calder on the ane pairt and Archibauld Campbell of Lochnanell on the uthir pairt in maner form and effect as efter followis. That is to say the said Johne Campbell of Calder promesis faythfullie be the fayth and treuthe of his body to defend and mantein the said Archibauld in all his luissum and honest affairis aganis all deidlie, the kingis maiestie and the erle of Argyll onlie excepted. And forthir promesis faythfullie to do with the said Archibauld als far as sall ly in his possibill power, to obtein to the said Archibauld libertie to hauld justice courttis uniuersallie throw Argyll and Lorn, and to obtein to him the causualiteis of the saidis courttis and cuntreis and gouernament and ledding of my lordis frendis and seruandis in all hoisting, upon my lordis awin expences quhenewir thai salbe directed in my lordis seruice. And sall do his exact dilligence as he sall ansuer to

God, to obtein at my ladyis handis, that the said laird of Lochnanell salbe ressauit in houshald withe my lord, to await upon his Lordships adois withe samony seruandis as the said laird of Lochnanell and my lady can agrie on. And generallie sall forthir the said Archibauld to all thingis that may proffeit him and nocht be hurtfull to my lord of Argyll. And the said Archibauld promessis faythfullie to do for the said Johne Campbell of Calder in all his lussum and honest affaris aganis all deidlie, the authorite and my lord of Argyll onlie excepted; and for his frendschipe in the northe in lykmaner, and in speciallie promessis to subscryve the band of frendschippe quhilk M^c^ intosche craiffis of my lord of Argyll anent the bruking of his heretage in Lochabbir, and sall incist with the said Johne Campbell of Calder as him selff sall do in getting the sam subscryvit be my lord of Argyll and his frendis, and generallie to do withe the said Johne Campbell of Calder in all his honorabill adois as said is. And farthir bayth the saidis parteis promesis faythfullie ilk ane to uthir, that in cais thay gett my lord in thair keiping or in ony ane of thair keppingis, that na thing salbe done be the ane bot be the adwyis of the uthir. And promessis in lykmaner in cais thay can nocht cum be thair purpois, that is, to haiff my lord at libertie put in his awin hous, and the laird of Calder to be the keipper of his body and the lard of Lochnanell his houshald seruand as said is, that we sall do with uthir to the uttirmost of our poweris to cum be the sam perforce, in cais we gett nocht the sam be the gudwill of my lady and utheris that would resist aganis us. Be this our band or contract maid and subscryvit with our handis at Lochnanell day yeir and place abon wretin, befoir thir witnes Ewin M^c^ grigour tutour of Glenstrahe Johne Campbell of Eriskay Hendrie Riddoche and Johne Dinguell wreater of the sam.

JHONE CAMPBELL off Calder.
AR^D^. CAMPBELL of Lochnanell.

The following precept regarding the lands of Cupargrange, which do not appear in the Titles, and were probably held by gift of Donald, Abbot of Cupar, a near kinsman of the family, seems to show that the Thane of Cawdor had some place at Court, probably in the Royal household.

REX.

Chancellar thesaurar and collector generall greiting. Forsamekle as we haif disponit of new to our familiar seruitor Johne Campbell of Calder his propir landis of Cowpergrange quhilkis pertenit of auld in few to him and his predecessoris, and that it is na wayis our mynd and will that the said Johne be hurt or preiudgeit thairin, seing we haif taikin him in our awin hand; and quhat evir gift we haif disponit to quhatsumeuir uther persoun or persounis of ony landis perteining to the abbacie of Cowper, yet it is our mynd that he sall nawayis be hurt thairby, hauing takin him in our hand and under our mantenance as our awin familiar seruitour in that behalf quhome we will sie nawayis to be hurt or preiudgeit, thairfor it is our will and we command yow that ye but deley pas and compone his signatoris and infeftmentis grantit be us to him of the saidis landis fischeingis and utheris contenit thairin but stop or impediment notwithstanding ony command gevin or to be gevin to yow in the contrare, keipand thir presentis for your warrand. Subscriuit with our hand at the day of the yeir of God I M V^c fourescoir aucht yeris.

JAMES R.

In 1590, the Thane of Cawdor bought the Isle of Gighay, a £20 land of old extent, for 3000 merks, from Angus M^c Coneill of Downewaige and Archibald his "son natural." A bond followed :—

Be it kend till all men be thir presentis us Angus M^c conill of Dunevaige on the ane parte, and John Campbell of Calder on the oder parte, having respect to the auld frendschip of bluid and kyndnes euir betuix our houssis and maist speciallie betwix our selfis to this present, and at the plesour of God to continew amangis us for our tymis, and ane remembrance to our posteretie to continew in the sam, to be bound and obliist lykas be the tennor heirof bindis and obliisis us euerie ane of us, to fortefie mantein and assist utheris as either of us sall haif to do in all our honest and laufull

actionis our kyn freindis serwandis assisteris and parttakaris and that aganis quhatsumeuer, the kyngis maieste and erle of Ergyill onlie to be exceptit, and sall neither heir nor sie utheris harmes skayth or danger, bot howsone the sam cumis to ony of our knawlagis that either of us sall stoip lait and hinder the samin to our powerris. And for the faythfull observing keiping and fulfilling of the premissis we haif subscryuit this present writ with our handis at Rothissay the xiij day of Januare 1591 yeiris, befoir thir witnes Allane M^{c} cowill of Raray Archibald M^{c} conill alias Elytsone of Macharerevoich Archibald Campbell prouest of Kilmun Duncan Campbell of Daunay and John Steuart of Askoge.

ANGUS M^{c} CONILL of Dunavaig.
JHONE CAMPBELL off Calder.

The more ancient rentals and account-books of the wide-spread estates of the family in Argyll and the north are all lost. The earliest scrap of this kind now found at Cawdor is of no higher date than 1590, and comprehends only the account of the Chamberlain of the barony of Fairintosh in the Black Isle.

THE COMPT OF HUCHEOUN MUNRO CHALMERLANE of the BARONYE of FAIRNETOSCHE begynnand at the rest contenit in the last futit compt maid be him at Calder the xxv day of October the yeir of God I M v^{c} lxxxx yeiris.

Item in the first the compter chargeis him with vij^{xx} xvij bollis tua firlattis wictuell restand awand be him at the futting of his last compt, and that for ane rest of the saidis fermeis and teindis of the crope and yeir of God I M v^{c} lxxxix yeiris.

Fourtie foure bollis victuell unpayit be Dunckane M^{c} kanye, and quhilk the said compter hes nocht resaiffit and therfoir is heir to be exhonerit of the saidis xliiij bollis.

And sua restis *de claro* of the said victuell crope foirsaid, for the quhilk the said compter is ansarrable v^{xx} xiij bollis ij fir.

Quhilk victuell beand convertit in money pryce of the boll therof liij s. iiij d. extending in the haill to the soume of iij^{c} ij lib. xiij s. iiij d.

Item mair the compter chargeis him with the ferme victuell of said baronye of the lxxxx yeiris crope extending to viij^{xx} xviij bollis, and with the teynd wictuell of the saidis landis extending to v^{xx} xviij bollis wictuell, quhilk ferme and teind victuell reknit and comptit togidder extendis to *inbrewy* xviij^{xx} xvj bollis.

The compter is to be exhonerit of xxvj bollis tua furlettis victuell debursit be him in furnessing of acquawitie at the umquhill lard and ladies command xxvj bollis ij fir.

Item mair the compter is to be exhonerit of fourtie-four bollis wictuell restand awand in Dunckane M^{c} kenyeis handis xliiij bollis.

And sua restis *de claro* of the crope foirsaid for the quhilk the compter is ansarrable vj^{xx} v bollis ij fir.

Quhilk victuell beand convertit in money price of the boll therof, iij lib. extending in the haill to the soume of vj^{c} iij^{xx} xvi lib. x s.

Summa of the haill charge of the rest of wictuell of the lxxxix yeiris crope, and the haill wictuell of the lxxxx yeiris crope convertit in money extendis to viiij^{c} lxxix lib. iij s. iiij d.

Item the compter chargeis him with thre mairtis and tua dozen fyfe pultrie restand awand be him of his last compt of the customis, and with the haill customis contenit in the rentall of the haill lxxxx yeiris crope extending to lviij mouttonis foure mairttes sax dozen of capponis nyne scoir sewintene pultrie.

Among the items of discharge are,—

Fywe bollis ij fir. grit salt to the salmond fische in Phairnetosche in anno lxxxxi xviij lib. ij s. viij d.

Tua nettis to the yair iiij lib.

Tua widois and ane clais of irne send to Calder, pryce x lib.

Tua fattis euerie ane contennand thre barrelis of salmond iiij lib.

Item to the Lairdis Kaner for keiping of the yair anno lxxxx, thre bollis victuell, inde ix lib.

Item for the compter expensis in cuming south to mak his comptis xx lib.

On the back of the foregoing rental of Ferrintosh is an abstract of the rental of the Nairnshire estates. It is to be regretted that no rental of the old Thanedom exists.

Hewe Campbellis chairge of the fermes of the baroneis of Calder Arthirseir Delnyis and Rait, 1591.

Imprimis the fermes of the said landis conforme to the rentell extendis to v^{c} lxxxij bollis iij fir. i pek. at iij lib. the boll, inde I^{m} v^{c} lxxxxviij lib.

Item he is chargit with the Mertimes maillis crop 1590 extending to i^{c} xxj lib. xxij d.

Item he is chairgit with the Witsounday and Mertimes maillis in anno 1591 extending to ij^{c} xlij lib. iij s. viiij d.

Summa of the chairge I^{m} ix^{c} iij^{xx} i lib. xv s. ix d.

Summa of the haill dischairge conforme to the perticular compt extendis to I^{m} iij^{c} xxxiij lib. xij s. i d.

And sua be the chairge and dischairge foirsaidis he restis awand vij^{c} xxiiij lib. iij s. ij d.

comptand therin fourscoir xvj lib. for xxxij bollis meill of the maynis crop 1590 yeiris.

Nota the haill fermes girsumis customes with the growthe of the maynis 1591 restis.

One of the earliest letters of correspondence found among the contents of the Charter-room at Cawdor, is from the Thane's law-agent in Edinburgh, who takes a zealous charge of his affairs, public and domestic. The persons for whom Cawdor is engaged are two chiefs of the Macdonalds, Angus of Isla, sometimes styled of Dunyveg, lord of Kintyre, and Donald Gorme of Sleat, who were liberated from Edinburgh on finding caution to pay a heavy fine for various atrocities, and Cawdor was their security. The "controllour" is Sir James Campbell of Ardkinlas.

To the rycht honorable the Laird of Calder.

Rycht honorabill Sir, efter my verray hartlie commendationes, hawing commoditie of the berar thocht guid to vreit thir few lines. His Majestie

and Majesties controllour hes consauit ane gret anger aganes yow, upon quhaes promes thai onlie reposit anent the payment of Angus suluer, quhairof thai ar frustat and disapointet. Your credett is grytumlie interest in this mater, and mair nor I will vreit at this present, quhairoff I am verray sorie. Thay doo continew sua in this estait, that thai haw causit chairge Angus bairnes conform to the band, as also hes derectit to chairge yourself to present and reenter Angus and Donald Gorm within xx dayes, lyk as ye sall persaw be this copie, quhilk ye sall send till Angus, for I haw vretin to him to resaw the samen. Sir I will pray yow as ye lyk your honour and your weill that ye will tak ane uther cours in thir materes, uthervayis I feir matteris fall furthe by your expectation. I wald pray yow heist yow heir with all possible diligence and all excuse to be sett asyde, and bring Angus with yow. Bring also your haill syluer with yow, uthervayis persuaid your selff that the nondoing thairoff sal be the occasioun of strater deling to be usit towart Angus. This mater is mair heychlie tain up heir nor ye suppoun. Donald Gorm apperandlie as I am informit be the controllour, hes nather thankfullie usit him nor yow. Sen his departing, he newir vreit to the controllour to excuse him selff anent the violating off his promes nor yit to na uther man. But unthankfullie hes usit him selff, knawand perfyctlie that ye var oblist for him to the controllour nocht as for his majesties dett, bot as for ane speciall dett awin to the controllour, nochttheles he hes causit Huntlie trawell with his Majestie to haw purchest ane dischairge, to the controlloris and your grett hurt. Nochtheles his Majestie refusit the same and being mowit with ane grett anger schew the to the controllour, quha is heychtlie commowit. Your ladie findes gret falt that ye ar nocht sa cairfull off your dewitie towart hir as ye aucht to be, lykas I understand scho has vretin to yow. Ye haw newir vretin ane letter this sax oikkes bygane to hir . . . From Ed^{r} the xxvj of Junii 1591.

your assurit freind

JA. WARDLAW.

In eur anxiety to trace early manners and the progress of society, we seize eagerly on any notes of household and domestic expense. Unfortunately those at Cawdor are not of early date, nor, when they do commence, are they of so general and comprehensive a kind as to show us, with any fulness, either the prices of common commodities, or the manner of life, the food, dress, furniture, the occupations or resources for spending their time, used and enjoyed by the Thanes and the inhabitants of their Castle. Still we must not altogether neglect this source of information.

About 1590, we have accounts, of some steward of the family, of money expended at the Fairs or markets in the chanonry of Ross, Geddes, Auldearn, and Dyke. Among them are the following articles :—

Ane web of lyning of xxj elnis, the price of the eln iiij s. vj d.	iiij lib. xij s. ix d.
Ane flacat of qhuit wyne	xx s.
Ane pynt of venigar	vj s. viij d.
Item for v lib. wyecht of sep, the price of the lib. xxx d.	xij s. vj d.
Item for ane quair of peper	xxxiiij d.
Item for tua peper of prenis	viij s.
Item for unyonis	iiij s.
Item for aucht elnis of vorsat pasmentis	xl d.
Item our expencis in the Chanonrie tua days	xvj s. vj d.
Item for ane gerthe to the sadill and tua bukillis	xl d.
Item to foure gentil sorneris at your L. command	vj s. viij d.

(In the fair at the kirk of Gedas.)

Item to Johne Oris man that brocht in egis and caikis	xvj d.
Item for xxij elnis of tyking at iiij s. vj d. the eln	v lib. vj s. iiij d.
Item for ane salmond	vij s.
Item for als mony egis as tua hors vald drawe hame in ane cart	vj d.
Item for ane keme	xij d.
Item for tua picis of butter	xx s.
Item for ane stane belges talon	xxviij s.
Item for ane pune of medoun	viij s.

Item for blak and quhit threid j s.
Item for neidellis ij d.
Item for ane paire of carddis xxiij s.
Item for tua blak brydillis xvj s.

The following account is dated 12 September 1590. The Donald Campbell, the cost of whose boyish apparel forms part of it, a natural son of the Thane, was afterwards Sir Donald of Ardnamurchan. What the little Beaty's paichlatt was, the Editor has not learning to determine. The "Scheith," so richly ornamented for her use, was the little bunch of quills in which a knitter steadies the ends of her knitting-needles.

For thrie quarteris of Londoun broun claith pryce of the ell vij lib xv s. summa vi lib. xviij s. ix d.
Item for ane pair of reid breikis vj lib.
Item for ane hatt iij lib.
Item for making of his masterchipis cott vj lib.
Item for making of his buffill doublatt xl s.
Item for making of his breikis of Londoun broun x s.
Item for making of your night poile vj s. viij d.
Item for translating of his buffill doblat twys quhen it ves brassit xl s.
Item for half ane unce of yellow silk therto x s.
Item for the making of ane pair of sokis of French cloith v s. viij d.
Item for the sowing of tua pair of silk schankis with gray bukysie x s.
Item for lawpis and nyne buttonis to the womb of his masterchipis breikis x s.
Item for the ordering of his yellow satting cloithis and his blak velvet breikis, and for buttonis and silk furnissing therto xx s.
Item for the lethering of the steilbonnet twyis vj s. viij d.
Item for putting on the covering of his steilbonnet vj s. viij d.
Item for thrie quarteris of tuydill to his plait slewis pryce of the ell viij s. summa vj s.
Item for tua ell of knettingis to the handis of them xij d.
Item for the making of the bodyis and setting on the sleiffis iij s. iiij d.
Item for ane browband of welvett to his mesterchipis hatt x s.

Item for nyne quarteris of serg pesmentis to his hatt vij s. vj d.
Item for ane drap veycht of silk and setting on the pesment therewith iij s.

Donald Campbell the Lairdis sonis compt at the Ladyis command.

Item imprimis for ane unce and ane quarter unce of cramasy pesmentis to his tany freis cloithis, pryce of the unce xxiiij s. summa xxix s.
Item for half ane unce of silk to the button holis and pesmentis xij s.
Item for iij dossin and ane half of buttonis at iiij s. the dossin summa xij s.
Item for the making of his cott and breikis xij s.
Item for the making of his gray cloik x s.
Item for letting of his hatt and ane pesment therto v s. viij d.
Item for the setting on the pesment and silk tharto xij d.
Item for the making of ane pair of schankis to the paige at your L. command vj s. viij d.
Item for sowing of tua pair of schankis to the bairnes ij s.
Item giffin to the barnes to by peper x s.
Item for making of Beatyis paichlatt vj. s. viij d.
Item for the covering of Beatyis scheith with purpir velwatt and gold pesmentis xiij s. iiij d.

Compt of David Clapen indwellar in Lethe, mayd at Calder, 14 October 1590.

In the naym of God.

Rests owing of former accownt, anno 1589 3161. 5s. 6d.
Item mair send furthe of Crommotye in that sam monethe eftir the compt auchtein pynttis vynagair pryce of the pynt iiij s. summa iij lib. xij s.
Item send northe in September last and deliuerit to Hew Campbell ane barrekyn of sak vynn cost xxx lib.
Item mair that sam tym ane pouncioun of Claret vynn cost xxxviij lib.

Item for expensis and fraucht of thaym xl s.
Item for ane tow to the bryig v lib.
This haill charge extendis to the soum of 3941. 17s. 6d.

Discharg.

Item Dauid Clapen granttis him to haiff ressauit of the said Johne Campbell of Calderis fysching of this instant yeir furthe of Arthursyir sevyn barrellis of salmond, and furthe of the yair of Alkok fyiff barrellis and ane halff, pryce of the barrel tuenty markis, summa iᶜ lxvj lib. xiij s. iiij d.

Swa restis the said Johne Campbell of Calder awin to the said Dauid Clapen be this compt *de claro*, the soum of tua hundrethe tuentye aucht punddis four schellens and ij d.

JHONE CAMPBELL off Calder.
DAUID CLAPEN.

The following shows itself to be a tailor's account, probably that of some rustic artist :—

The Lard of Cadellis compt.

Inprimis upon the xiiij day of Appryll 1591, for vij quarteris of Londun claith to be your maisterchip cott and breikis at viij lib. x s. the ell, sua the vij quarteris extendis to xiiij lib. xviij s.

Item for thrie ell and ane half of fustian at xlij the ell vij lib. vij s.

Item for four unce of blak cordens being xxvij ell, price of the unce xxxvj s. vij lib. iiij d.

Item for tua unce of silk and ane half unce at xviij s. the unce xlv s.

Item for ane ell of spanyeis taifty iiij lib. vj s. viij d.

Item for half ell of stiffing gray to your M. doublat schoulderis vj s. viij d.

Item for vj ell of linyng to your M. tua pair of breikis and his doublatt the ell at vj s. viij d. xl s.

Item for half pund of cades to your M. doublatt viij s.

Item for ten dossin of buttonis pryce of the dossin xl d. xxxiij s.

Item for viij ell of lup to your M. putchis and sleffis at ij s. the ell xvj s.

The following extracts are taken from a little book of sixteen leaves, which notes the Thane's personal and travelling expenses from 20th September to 7th November 1591. The first three days' expenses are given in full, afterwards only extracts.

ALEXANDER CAMPBELL THE LARD OF CALDER HIS PURSMAISTERIS COMPT.

In Taylone the xx day of September 1591 resauit fra Johne Caldar i° merk.

Item deliuerit to Makconchie Stronechormicheis man the same day, that brocht the aquavytie vj s. viij d.

xxi day of September being Tysday.

Item giffin to the gall boyis wyfe in Innerreray for your denner in meit v s.

Item fyve quartis aill viij s.

Item ane quart wyne xiij s. iiij d.

Item thrie muskingis aquavitye xv s.

Item giffin to the gardiner for the peiris and plowmis he brocht unto yow in that hous iij s. iiij d.

Item giffin to the puire ther xxviij d.

Item giffin to the ferrioris for taking yow to Doundaraw fra Innerreray vj s. viij d.

xxij day of September being Wednesday in Doundaraw.

Item giffin to the portar ther vj s. viij d.

Item giffin to the woman that maid your bedis ther vj s. viij d.

Item to the cuik ther vj s. viij d.

Item to the boyis that ferreit owir out of Doundaraw v s.

Item giffin in Lochgyllisheid to the puire xvj d.

Item to the men of the boat that come with yow to the Carrik out of Lochgyllisheid xiij s. iiij d.

Item giffin to the boy that ye send out of Doundaraw to Lochgyllisheid to provyd ane boat for yow vj s. viij d.

Item to ane boy of your awin ye send bak to Doundaraw for the venesone, to be his expenssis to Striveling vj s. viij d.

xxiij day of September being Fuiresday in the Carrik.

Item giffin ther in the Carrik to the portar vj s. viij d.

Item to the men of the boat that came with your servandis to Camsranniche vj s. viij d.

xxiiij day of September being Fryday in Dounnone.

Item your boyis supper upone Fuiresday at evin, being four boyis, iij s. iiij d.

xxv day of September Satterday.

Item giffin in Downone to the servand woman that maid your beddis in John Dowis hous vj s. viij d.

Item giffin to the gudvyfe of the hous for four quartis aill and twa queyt braid brocht to your chalmer viij s.

Item giffin to the ferrior of Finlestoun for ferreing Alexander and your haill boyis ij s.

Item to the ferrior of the wattir of Levin iiij d.

Item your collatioun in Downbartane that nycht Satterday at evin in Johne Boquhannanis hous, ane point of Spenis wyne x s

Item ane quart aill ij s.

Item ane queyt braid viij d.

Item giffin to Donald Campbell my Lordis chalmer boy that he geve to Grenokis boy that came with the hors to the ferrie syd vj s. viij d.

xxvj of September being Sonday.

Item giffin to yourself in the morneing in the kirkhaird to put in your nepiking end to the puire ij s.

Item your collatioun that nycht at evin upon Sonday in that same hous, ane point wyne Sak x s.

Item ane quart aill ij s.

Item ane queyt braid viij d.

xxvij of September being Munounday passit out of Downbartane to Glesgow.

Item giffin to Johne Caldar to pay for your hors being four in numbir quhilk came to Downbartane upon the xxij day of September and remanit ther till Munounday at ten houris the xxvij day of September, for ther stray xx s.

Item giffin to Johne Caldar to pay for ther corne indureing that space lvj s.

Item for half pek of malt to your broun geldin iij s. iiij d.

Item for braid to your geldin enduring that space v s.

Item for candill xj d.

Item giffin to Johne Caldar his wage fra the xxij day of September at none till Sonday in the morneing the xxvj of September xx s.

Item the twa boyis wage that keipit your hors, Glassan and Michell, fra the xxij of September being Wednesday till xxvij of September being Munounday at evin xv s.

Item giffin to Panttone his wage fra Satterday at none the xxv till Mounounday at evin the xxvij day of September iij s.

Item to James Deusour and his halk fra xxvj of September till Munounday at evin the xxvij xij s.

Item the cuik Dauid for that space viij s.

Item your chalmer fie for twa nychtis Satterday at evin and Sonday in Johne Boquhannanis hous xiij s. iiij d.

Item giffin for oylling your buttis ther xij d.

27 of September 1591.

Item quhen ye lichtit in Glesgow upon Munounday eftir none at twa houris ye came to your lodging in Androw Baillies hous the gud wyfe brocht to yow to your chalmer the lairdis Ellangirrik Barbrek Nether Craignes with uthiris mony gentill men and refusit to drink na uther drink bot wyne Sak, of wyne Sack thrie pointis xxx s.

Item ane quarter queyt braid viij d.

Item for penis xvj d.

Item ane quart aill xx d.

Item your collatioun at evin on Munounday the same persones with yow all ane point Spenis wyne x s.

Item ane point of Frence wyne vj s. viij d.

Item ane quart aill xx d.

Item ane braid viij d.

xxviij of September being Tysday.

Item giffin to Effie Campbell for your dischone, the haill barronis and gentill men foirsaid with yow for biff, mowtoun, soddin and rostit keponis, braid and aill xl s.

Item for ane quart Spenis wyne xx s.

Item ane point Frence wyne vj s. viij d.

Item ane musking aquavytie vj s.

Item your collatioun et evin on Tysday, the haill barronis and gentill men foirsaid with yow, ane point of Spenis wyne x s.

Item ane point Frence wyne vj s. viij d.

Item ane quart aill xx d.

Item ane queyt braid viij d.

Item giffin to the toun pyper vj s. viij d.

xxix day of September being Wednesday.

Item that day eftir none in your chalmer with certane of the Campbellis of Angus with yow, ane chopine wyne v s.

Item your collatioun that nycht at evin, the haill foirsaidis barronis and gentill men with yow, ane point of Spenis wyne x s.

Item giffin to Johne Gillianis wyfe, that wes awin hir for aquavytie quhilk scho send to Edinburgh at the Lairdis command derectit to Effie theranent with Panttone the Lairdis awin seruand, and als for the wessellis that the aquavytie wes intill xviij lib. xv s.

Item to Johne Calder for twa new gerthis and setting ane bowkill upone your geldingis hawsing gerth ix s.

The last of September being Fuiresday.

Item giffin for ane new skabart to your heland sowrd cutting and dressing and ane new fische hand, all xx s.

Item for ane new schorne bit to your geldin vj s.

Item to the sowrd-slipperis boy, drink silver xij d.

Item to John Londie playar on the lut vj s. viij d.

The first of October being Fryday.

Item giffin for ane queyt brydill to the geldin broun xij s.

Item giffin to the Lawland harper vj s. viij d.

Item your collatioun at evin that day the saidis gentill men all with yow, ane point Frence wyne vj s. viij d.

The second of October being Satterday.

Item giffin to the smyth for your broun geldin schone xiij s. iiij d.

The thrid of October being Sonday.

Item giffin to the gud wyfe for sax nichtis the chalmer fie frae Munounday at evin the xxvij day of September till Sonday in the morning the third of October, half merk the nycht, in candill beddis and fyre extending in haill xl s.

Item to the cordiner for dressing and treing your buttis iij s. iiij d.

Item your hors enterit in stabill in Glesgow upone the xxvij day of September at twa houris eftir none, fyve hors in the haill with Wattie Cunynghames hors, the fyve hors in strae in the nicht x s. and corne halfe firlat halfe pek, and the haill day corne ane firlat halfe pek, quhilk continewit till Fryday in the morning the first of October, quhilk day Wattie Cunynghame passit to Edinburgh and his hors, and your awin four hors remanit thereftir in that stabill till Sonday the thrid of October, thay wer in strae the nycht viij s. in corne halff firlott and in the haill day ane firlott morning and eueninge.

Item in corne eftir the said raikning iij lib. xij s.

Item in strae lvj s.

Item for maill to your gelding ij pekis ij s.

Item your collatioun at evin in Parttie Bairis hous iij chopinis Frence wyne x s.

The fourt of October being Munounday in Litgow.

Item giffin to Glassan to rin to Clarkintoun xij d.

The fyft of October being Munounday in Edinbrughe.

Item your collatioun in Peit Lindsayis hous, Mr James Wardlaw with yow, James Harvie, Alexander Campbell and Johne Calder, everay man v s. xxv s.

The saxt of October being Wednesday in Edinbrughe 1591.

Item your dischone in Peit Lindsayis hous, the haill band of gentill men being with yow, by wyne extendis to xl s.

Item thrie pointtis of wyne quherof ane point of Spenis wyne xxij s.

Item to your cordiner Mongo Hendersone for his furnessing of schone sen ye come out of the norland anno 1590 efter Mertimes as his compt bairis and als for ane pair of wait ledder schone furnessit to yow the same day extending in the haill v lib. xij d.

The vij day of October being Fuiresday in Edinbrughe.

Item giffin to the blind puire man that playis throw the toun upone ane certane instrument xij d.

Item giffin to Alexander Makkessake to drink with the ansor of the lettres he brocht fra the Pryor and his awin maister out of Striveling iij s. iiij d.

The viij of October being Fryday in Edinbrughe.

Item for ane quinzdor to yourself xxiiij s.

The ix day of October being Satterday in Edinburghe.

Item in Johne Tamsones hous in Litgow this day eftir none as ye lichtit ther, ane point of Spenis wyne x s.

The x day of October being Sonday in Litgow.

Item giffin to Tullibarnes boy that come with the gray naig that Tullibarne lent unto yow to Litgow his wages on Satterday at evin and Sonday in the morning as ye commandit your self xl d.

Item for braid that your twa hors gat at evin that nycht, with the broun cursour v s.

Item giffin to the litill boy that held your hors viij d.

Item Johne Calderis wage fra Sonday at evin eftir supper the thrid of October till Sonday at evin the tent of October lij s.

x October 1591 in Stirling.

Item your collatioun in Katheren Paleis hous, Ellangerrik and uthir barronis with yow, ane point of Spenis wyne, ane point Frence wyne xvj s. viij d.

The xj day of October being Munounday in Stirling.

Item to the cutlar for schairing away the handis of your knyffis viij d.

Item ane point Spenis wyne in the morneing or ye passit to my lord, certane of the gentill men with yow x s.

The xij October being Tysday.

Item giffin to the ferrior of Forth for your ferreing Alexander Campbellis and your hors ye trystit my Lord Morray in Doun xxij d.

Item in Down to the boy that led your hors ij s.

Item giffin to Angus Liche to mak by sic thingis necessar for Collin to tak his disais away l s.

xiij October, Stirling.

Item your collatioun at evin in Kateren Paleis, my Lord Morray with yow, ane point Spenis wyne x s.

The xiiij day of October 1591, being Fuiresday in Lithe.

Item for braid to your hors the morning xl d.

[15 October still in Leith.]

The xvj day of October being Satterday in Sterling.

Item giffin to Dowglas the daft hussie vj s. viij d.

Item for baiking the hors braid in loiffis xij d.

Item giffin to the stabillar for your hors on Munounday at evin, the tent of October, being fywe hors in number on Maunounday all nycht Tysday all nycht and Fryday all nycht sax hors, your littill naig all nycht on Wednesday and on Fuiresday all nycht, ilk hors in the nycht twa s. extending in the haill to xlvj s.

Item sevin dowsand of braid to your cursour and broun geldin, ilk hors the day as ye commandit your self to Johne Calder viij braid, four braid at everay wattering to the hors, pryce of the braid iij d. extending in the haill to xxi s.

[On 17th and 18th October still in Stirling.]

xix October being Tysday in Sterling.

Item to Gillespik the fule vj s. viij.d.

Item ane point of Spenis wyne to your chalmer or ye raid to Kilbryd x s.

xxiiij October being Sonday in Stirling.

Item the Laird come at x hours at evin to Stirling, Johne Calder and Wattie Boquhannan with him with sindrie utheris that sat at the buird, the gud [wife] tuik for your meit onlie xxiiij s.

xxv October 1591 Munounday ye left Stirling and come to Edinburgh.

Item giffin to the smyth for schoing Lochboy x s.

Item giffin to Angus Liche his waige, quha enterit thairto in Stirling to await upone the bairne Collin the thrid day of October being Sonday at nyn houris in the morneing, till Wednesday xxvij day of October, ilk day viij s. summa ix lib. xij s.

Item his man his wage the dayis foirsaid xxxvj s.

Item for ane point Spenis wyne ye drunk in John Thomesones hous, the bischope of Argyll with yow x s.

xxvj October being Tysday in Edinburgh.

Item your dischone in Mr. James Wardlaw his chalmer twa dowsand pennie pyis ij s.
Item twa menschattis xij d.

xxxj October being Sonday in Edinburgh,

Item to the begaris at the kirk doir viij d.

The first of November being Munounday in Edinburgh.

Item giffin for ane pair of buttis to yourself xl s.
Item to Gillecrist to tak him to Argyll and the littill naig xiij s. iiij d.

6 day of November being Satterday in Edinburgh.

Item giffin to Michell Libertoun for poling your heid vj s. viij d.

This compt wes maid in Edinburgh the vij day of November 1591 yeiris.

Summa of Alexander Campbellis resait xiij^{xx} xij lib. ij s.
Summa debursit of the foirsaid sowme of resait xij^{xx} xvij lib. iij s.
Sua restis on Alexander xij lib. vi s. x d.

JANE LAUDER.

These accounts show the Thane engaged in a western journey, probably on the affairs of his kinsman the young Earl of Argyll, whose guardian he was. It is said to have been through jealousy of his holding that office that the Thane was murdered in 1592. We have already seen some of the Clan covenants which could not come to good.

The history of his murder we have to gather from various sources, chiefly the records of the Court of Justiciary, and Gregory's *History of the Highlands and Isles.*

The Thane of Cawdor and Sir James Campbell of Ardkinlas (Comptroller) were at first the acting guardians of their chief, the young Earl of Argyll. When the Comptroller died, his son John Campbell of Ardkinlas, who succeeded him in the office of guardian, became jealous of the superior influence of Cawdor in the management of the Earldom, and perhaps bore a grudge on account of the affairs of the Isles, where Cawdor

supported Angus of Isla and Donald Gorme, while Ardkinlas helped the M'Leans. Partly from these motives, partly, perhaps, instigated by malcontents of his clan who had joined the league of which Huntly was the chief, and one fruit of which was the slaughter of the bonny Earl of Moray at Donybristle, Ardkinlas undoubtedly planned, and apparently superintended the murder of Cawdor. It is certain that, in February 1591, the Thane was treacherously killed by a shot of a hackbut, fired from a window of the house of Knepoch in Lorne. The actual assassin was MacEllar, and the immediate director of the murder, a certain John Oig Campbell of Cabrachan.

The thing was done in Argyll's bounds, and the immediate instruments of an act so outrageous to the power of the Earl were soon brought to punishment. John Oig, before his execution, being put in the Boots, confessed his own guilt, and spoke to the complicity of Ardkinlas and Dunolly. His widow, Margaret Campbell, corroborated his evidence, and added the fact of Ardkinlas having tampered with witchcraft, in the hope of obtaining the favour of Argyll. Ardkinlas, under the threat of instant torture, confessed himself guilty of the murder of Cawdor, and spoke to a wide-spread conspiracy against Argyll and his brother. That confession he afterwards revoked in the following instruments, both from the Charter-room at Taymouth :—

[ARDKINGLAS TESTIMONIAL AT DUNOONE.]

I Johne Campbell of Ardkinglas testifies afoir God and takis it on my saull that it that I subscriuit and spoke anent oure Contract of Conspiracie aganis my chief and maister the Erle of Argyle and his lordships brother the Laird of Lundie quhilk Contract wes said be me wes subscriuit be the Erll of Huntlie and Glencarne and be my Lorde Maxwell, my Lorde Chancellor and be Sir Duncan Campbell of Glenvrquhay Knycht, Archibald Campbell of Lochnell, Duncan M^c^ Dowgall of Dunnollich and Johne Stewart of Appin. I testifie before God that thair wes never sic ane Contract maid or menit, but only inuentioun inuentit to eshew the trouble that might follow on me for Calderis slauchter. And as concernyng the samyn slauchter I tak it likwyis on my saul afoir the great juge that nether Glenvrquhay nor nane levand nor dead wer airt and part nor knew of it except myself, John Oig Gillipatrik Oig and Gillimartin his brother and Duncane Campbell Donaldsone, and testifies afoir God that I am sorrowfull in saull and in mynd anent the said slauchter and I testifie to all and sindrie thir premissis be thir presentis subscriuit with my hand at Dunvne the first of

Julii the yeir of God Im V° fourescoir fouretene yeiris befoir thir witnessis, John Erle of Mar, Sir Hugh Campbell of Lowdoun, and Mr Neill Campbell Bischope of Argyle.

Ardkinglas testimoniall befoir the Ministerie of Glesguowe.

Be it kend till all men be thir presenttis me Johne Campbell of Ardkinglas that forsamekill as I being detenit captiue within the castell of Carnnaistrie as suspect for consentting foirknawlege airt and pairt of the murther of umquhill Johne Campbell of Calder, umquhill Johne Oig Campbell of Cabrachane being suspect and accusit for the same cryme nocht onlie deponit the weretie of the said murthour bot also to the effect his burdein and pvnischment therfoir mycht be the easyer eschewit, subtille inventit and fenyeit ane conspiracie to haif bein interprysit aganis my lordis awin persone and his brotheris, quhairvpone he allegit ane band to haif bein maid and set downe thairannent, allegit subscriuit be the erill of Huntlie, Glenorquhaye, Lochinayell and dyuers vther nobillmen to the number of sevin or aucht personis, that be the slicht and calumnius inventioune his former confessioune concernyng the murthour of the Laird of Cadell mycht be the easyer louping our, quhilk band he allegit to haif bein in my keiping; and I being detenit captiue within the castell of Carnnaistrie vpone the suspitioune of the said murthour of Caddell, my lord haiffing apprehendit ane jelosie vpone the said umquhill Johne Oig subtill and fals depositioune, derectit the provest of Kilmone, the Commisser of Inuernes and Maister Donald Campbell naturall sone to the vmquhill Laird of Caddell to examinat and interrogat me vpone that speceall heid of the said Johne his depositioune concernyng the band and conspiracie allegit intendit aganis my lord and his brother; with ane speceall commissioune, gif I sould nocht delyuer the said band and reveill the leill circumstancis thairof conforme to the said Johnnis depositioun, to put me to the present tortor, quhilk thaye brocht in thair companie with thame and minassit and threatenit me dyuers tymis thairwith. Nochtwithstanding I declairit be my bodelie aithe to thame vndir the handwrett of Dougall M°airthour Sheref Clerk of Argyill that I nevir knew sik ane band nor

conspiracie nather be word nor wreit. Neuirtheles persaweand that nathir my aithe nor purgatioune could awaill me, bot of force athir behovit I to depone and affeirme Johne Oigis depositioune to be trewe, or vtherwais to get no credeit and abyid the present tortor and demanyng of my ennemeis, quhairthrowe I wes constranit compellit and foirsit for feir of the present danger nocht onlie to ratefie and aprowe the foirsaid fals depositioune maid be the said Johne concernyng the conspiracie allegit intendit aganis my Lord and his brothers lyif, in mair ampill and speceall forme thane the said Johne Oig sett it downe, be mentionatting of dyuers nobill mens namis, sik as I wes maist bund and adettit to in the cuntraye, that the mater mycht seim the mair credibill, bot also to mak my awin pairt concernyng the murthour of Cadder the lichter, I allegit the samin to be inventit be the laird of Glenorquhaye, and he be his band and faithfull promeiss to haif fortefeit and assistit me thairintill; albeit as the Lord knawis and as I sall ansuer to his Majestie at the lattir daye, I onlie did it for eschewing of the present tortor and feir of my lyif, luiking according to the ressone of fleche that sum moyane sould be maid be freindis for me in the maintyme, at my Lordis hand; protestand befoir God and his holie angellis that I newir knewe sik ane band nor conspiracie intendit aganis my lord and cheif nor his brother be onye of the saidis nobillmen, aganis quhom I vterit furthe sik calumneis as ar contenit in my depositioune at Carnnaistrie nor be na utheris leifand or deid be word nor wreit, nather yit wes Glennorquhaye ewir airt or pairt be word or wreit of the murthour of the vmquhill laird of Cadder, lyik as I testefeit at Dunnvne being captiue, in the monethe of fourscoir fourtein yeiris in presens of my lord and cheif, the erll of Mar, the Sheref of Air and the Bischope of Argyill. Swa nowe being at libertie and fredome, for releif of my awin concience and removing of suspitioune fra the innocent, dois testefie be my greit aithe and handwreit and vpone the parrell of my saluatioune, all thir premissis to be of trewthe. Dyittit, wreittin and subscriuit with my hand at the Laiche Kirk of Glesguowe the penult of Maii 1595 befoir thir witnessis Maister Johne Cuper and Maister Johne Bell Ministers at Glesguowe and Robert Chrynsid of Possill commisser of Glesguowe.

We vndirsubscriueand being requyirit be the rycht honorabill Johne

Campbell of Ardkinglas to convein withe him in the Laiche Kirk of Glesguowe to confer with him annent the resolutione of his conscience trewlie with the sicht and wecht of his greit sinnis, eftir dyuers suittis and intelligence haid of his estait, nocht willing our far to deject and cast downe ane penitent sinner, yeildit; and eftir dyuers ressonis in the place foirsaid at last he presenttit befoir ws this his declaratioune, chargein ws to testefie the same to be his wreittin and subscriuit with his hand. Eftir conferens in that mater withe him and haiffing adiured him befoir the leving God to declair to ws gif it wes done of dissimulatioune for wairdlie respectis or as movit in conscience for that particular, and being resoluid be him thairof, we causit him wreit and subscriue the same our againe with his awin hand for our bettir warrand, and therfoir dois testefie that this is his awin confessioune wreittin and subscriuit be himself quhilk we do witness be our subscriptioune manuall, daye, yeir and place befoir mentionat.

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Little weight can be attached to the confession of Ardkinlas, extorted by the threat of torture, and perhaps not much more to his second, and this his third and more solemn statement, which, with all the clergy present, was so evidently dressed for a purpose.

The government of Scotland was never weaker, nor more open to all bad influence, than in the years preceding James's accession to the English throne. Ardkinlas was powerfully backed, and the king appears to have condescended to a juggle to save him from the penalties of the law, while he assumed the semblance of urging on its ministers to do their office. On September 17, 1596, in the High Court at Edinburgh, "Johne Campbell of Ardkinlase was dilatit of airt and pairt of the crewall murthour and slauchteris of umquhil Sir Johne Campbell of Calder knycht and umquhil M^{c}inturner wechman of the place of Tanestrie." The Justice-Clerk produced a warrant by the King, requiring him to proceed in the trial; the King's Advocate produced a similar mandate (they were then too common, for the King interfered the more as he more felt his weakness). Ardkinlas was present and took instruments of his compearance. Another and another day he offered him "ready to abide the trial." At length, on 23d September, "the Justice, in respect nane of the King's Advocates compeirit to persew him, desertit the dyet and ordanit the cautioner of the said Laird of Ardkinlas to be relevit."

JOHN.

The following account contains several items of expenditure for mournings for the deceased Thane. It is rendered by Alexander Uduart, apparently a clothier or draper.

Compt of the wairis furnisit to Mr Donald Campbell the 11 day of August, at command of Alexander commendatour of Ecolmekill, to pay the xv day of November nixteftir.

Item vj ellis bureat at xxxij s. the ell	ix lib. xiij s.
Item v unce small blak cordenis at xxxij s.	viij lib.
Item i unce and ane half of blak silk at xvj s.	xxiij s
Item ane pair of blak worsat schankis	iiij lib.
Item ane fyne hat lynit with taffata	iij lib. vij s. vj d.
Item v quarteris and ane half craip of silk at	xxxvj s. viij d.
Item ane pair of black silk gairtanis	xxx s.
Item iiij ellis serge off Florence at vj lib. is	xxiiij lib.
Item ane ell of blak buckesy	x s.
Item v quarteris stentene canwes at vij s.	ix s. iij d.
Item half ane quarter blak veluet	xxv s.
Item iiij doz blak silk buttonis at iij s.	xij s.
Item i lb of caiddes at	xviij s.
Item vj ellis small tweill at viij s.	xlviij s.
Item vj ellis plaiding at	xlij s.
Half ane ell stiffing gray	viij s.
Thrie ellis pasmentis to the kneyis of the hois	ij s. vj d.
iiij ellis louppis to the doublett	viij s.
Summa of this compt of Maister Donaldis is	lxij lib. xiij s.

Ressauit payment heiroff fra Mr Doneldis self the xxvj day of December 1592.

A compt of wairis furnisit to the laird off Caddell and his brother, and tane off be Alexander commendator off Ecolmekill in thair names begynnand the sext of July 1592.

Item tua hattis bynit with taffateis at iij lib. vj s. viij d. vj lib. xiij s. iiij d.

Item iiij ellis and half ane quarter fine braid blak grograne taffateis at ix lib. the ell is xxxvij lib. ij s. vj d.

Item ane ell and half ane quarter blew Spainzie taffatie at v lib. the ell is v lib. xij s. vj d.

Item v unce small prettiques of gold at iiij lib. xv s. xxiij lib. xv s.

Item v unce and ane half and ane drap wecht off blak silk at xvj s. the unce is xxv s.

Item half ane ell of pourper stennyng l s.

Item ane Cristilane glas xxx s.

Item ane pair of fine blew worset schankis iiij lib. vj s. viij d.

Item ane veluet belt without hingeris xviij s.

Item iij ellis ane quarter unwalkit sarge dasket at xxvj s. viij d. the ell is iiij lib. vj s. viij d.

Item i doz. off lang silk poyntis xxij s.

Item ane pair off blew silk gairtanis xxvj s. viij d.

Item ij ellis ane half fine London broune clayth att viij lib. x s. the ell is xxj lib. v s.

Item vj ellis ane quarter grein Inglis stennyng at l s. the ell is xv lib. xij s. vj d.

Item v quarteris Romidge broune stennying at iij lib. the ell iij lib. xv s.

Item v quarteris fine blak freis at v lib. x s. the ell vj lib. xvij s. vj d.

Item i unce and ane half ryd cordenis at xxvj s. viij d. xl s.

Item iij unce ane half and half ane quarter unce small blak cordenis at xxiiij s. the unce is iiij lib. vij s.

Item iiij once ane quarter unce and ane drap wecht off fine small prettiques of gold at iiij lib. xv s. the unce xix lib. xvij s. ix d.

Item ane ell of laune lvj s.

Item vi quarteris off Camridge at iij lib. the ell iiij lib. x s.

Item vj quarteris craip of silk at xxvj s. viij d.	xl s.
Item ij ellis ane half figurit taffata at vj lib. v s.	xvj lib. viij s. iij d.
Item ane do. off silk poyntis	xxij s.
Item ane pair off blak silk gairtanis at	xxvj s. viij d.

On 24th August 1596, the young Thane of Cawdor had a Crown dispensation "upon his nonentry and his age, to the effect he may be enterit be brevis of inquest to all lands halden immediatlie of the King, as air to umquhil Muriel Caddell of that ilk his granddame, umquhil Sir John Campbell of Caddell his grandschir, umquhil Archibald Campbell of Caddell his guidschir, and umquhil John Campbell of Calder his father, and as air of tailye and provision to umquhil Colin Campbell of Craigneische," as if he were of lawful age: and commission was granted to that effect to William Rose of Kilraok, David Hay of Penik, and John Hay of Park, sheriffs in that part.

[Service of John Campbell of Cawdor.]

Hec inquisitio facta fuit apud burgum de Narne in curia fensata decimo sexto die mensis Nouembris 1596, per hos honorabiles et fideles homines patrie subscriptos, viz. nobilem et potentem dominum Simonem dominum Fraser de Lovat, Joannem Grant de Freuquhy Lachlanum M^c^ intosche de Dunnauchtane Joannem Dunbar de Moynes Thomam Fraser de Knocky Walterum Kynnard de Cubbin Patricium Grant de Rothemurchous Patricium Dunbar de Conye Alexandrum Dunbar apparentem de Tarbat Robertum Tulloch de Tannacheis Jacobum Sutherland de Kynstarie Thomam Fraser de Moneack Alexandrum Dunbar de Pitfund Gulielmum Dowglas de Earlismylne Dauidem Ros de Holme Joannem Hay de Urquhanie Angusium M^c^ intosche Dauidem Brodie de eodem Joannem Cuthbert de auld castelhill Nicolaum Dunbar de Boggis et Alexandrum Cuthbert prepositum de Innernes. Qui jurati dicunt quod quondam Joannes Campbell de Calder pater Joannis Campbell nunc de Calder latoris presentium obiit ultimo vestitus et sasitus in omnibus et singulis terris subsequentibus, viz. in toto thanagio et baronia de Calder comprehendentibus totas terras thanagii de Calder cum castro turre et fortilicio eiusdem, totas

terras et baronias de Clunes et Botht, terras de Balmakath et dimidietatem ville de Rait jacentes infra vicecomitatum de Narne; terras de Moy infra vicecomitatum de Fores et per annexationem infra vicecomitatum de Narne; terras de Dowmaglas cum duobus Kinkellis Mulquhaich Drumvorny Kyndes et Imermarky infra vicecomitatum de Inuernes et per annexationem infra dictum thanagium de Calder, omnes unitas in dictum thanagium de Calder, cuiusquidem thanagii dictum castrum de Calder principale est messuagium; toto et integro officio vicecomitis de Narne; totis terris et baronia de Strathnarne cum castro de Davie, jure patronatus ecclesie parochialis de Lundichtie infra vicecomitatum de Innernes; totis terris et baronia de Arderseir cum salmonum piscatione eiusdem infra episcopatum de Ros et vicecomitatum de Narne; totis terris de Eister et Wester Delnyis infra episcopatum de Ros et vicecomitatum de Narne; totis villis et terris de Muckairn subscriptis videlicet quinque denariatis ville et terrarum de Lyalt, quindecim denariatis terrarum de Killemachronage, septem denariatis terrarum de Coulnadalloch, quinque denariatis terre de Clasgarvage, sex denariatis terre de Ferinche, quinque denariatis terre de Ardnaskey, quinque denariatis terre de Killenais, septem denariatis terre de Ballindore, decem denariatis terre de Ardegaw, decem denariatis terre de Kellespekerrell, sex denariatis terre de Ardeny, tribus denariatis terre de Scoull, quatuor denariatis et uno obolo terre de Bartigillane, quatuor denariatis et uno obolo terre de Downtannychane, quinque denariatis terre de Barglas, nouem denariatis terre de Drumnaturne, decem denariatis terre de Clyzenalrie, sex denariatis terre de Auchnacossyne, quinque denariatis terre de Kilmolrwy, unacum officio balliatus omnium terrarum predictarum, jacentibus infra dominium de Lorne et vicecomitatum de Argyle; totis et integris quatuor mercatis terrarum de Kilbrandan, sex mercatis terre de Ardchattan, sex mercatis terre de Inyone et Ardachaig, quatuor mercatis terre de Innerefragan, tribus mercatis terre de Killerkeran in Lismoir, duabus mercatis terre de Over Cadderling, duabus mercatis terre de Cadderling mair, una mercata terre de Cadderliebeg alias Cadderlingmanache, duabus mercatis terre de Craigduraneis, tribus mercatis terre de Keancraig et Blaircrene, duabus mercatis terre de Creagan, tribus mercatis terre de Cowlt et Balloch, unacum insulis de Ilanamund et Ilandurynche cum

salmonum piscatione, jacentibus infra Lorne et vicecomitatum de Argyle; totis et integris terris de Cowpergrange cum domibus edificiis, unacum terris et lie myre nuncupatis Monkismyre cum salmonum piscatione super aquis de Ila et Ericht infra dominium de Cowper et vicecomitatum de Perth; totis et integris terris de Geddes et Rait cum fortalicio de Rait infra predictum vicecomitatum de Narne. Et quod dictus Joannes Campbell nunc de Calder est legitimus et propinquior heres predicti quondam Joannis Campbell de Calder sui patris de omnibus et singulis predictis terris. Et quod est legitime etatis ratione dispensationis s. d. n. regis. Et quod totum thanagium de Calder, officium vicecomitis, baronia de Strathnarne, etc. tenentur in capite de s. d. n. rege per seruicium warde et releuii, et sunt in manibus s. d. n. regis ratione warde post decessum dicti quondam Joannis Campbell de Calder qui obiit quinto die mensis Februarii anno domini 1591. Postremo quod dicte terre de Geddes et Rait tenentur in capite de Thoma Menzies de Durne in libera albafirma. Datum sub sigillo dicti Gulielmi Ros de Kilrawok unius vicecomitum . . .

The Earl of Mar was "donator" of the young Thane's ward and marriage, and disposed of the gift to connexions of the minor:

[The Earl of Marr's discharge.]

We Johne erle of Mar lord Ersken and Gariache grantis us be the tenor heirof to haiff resauit be delyuerance of Johne Campbell commissar of Inuernes in name and behalf of Mr. Johne Lyndesay persoun of Menmuir, ane of the senatoris of his majesties college of justice and Thomas Fraser of Knockie the soum of tua thowsand markis in pairt of payment of the sowm of sex thowsand markis prometit be thame to us for the assignatioun to be maid be us of the ward and mariage of Johne Campbell now of Calder, to Colene William Alexander Duncan Margaret and Annas lauchfull bairnes to umquhill Johne Campbell of Calder, and that by and attour the sowm of uthir tua thowsand merkis avancit and payit be thame to us at the fest of Witsounday last. At Edinburgh castell the third day of December 1593 yeiris.

Jhonne erll of Mar.

Two lengthy Summonses, both of the year 1599, give some idea of the state of the country. Sir Robert Innes of that ilk, and Mr. Hector Munro of Foulis, barons, be it observed, on the Saxon Coast, and more amenable to the law, as well as, perhaps, more civilized than the Gaelic people whom they favoured, had become surety (by bond 28 May 1595) for the peaceable conduct of Lauchlane M'Intosche of Dunnachtane and his sept; notwithstanding whereof,—

Gillicallum M^c intosche in Urlathurst his lawchfull sone unforisfamiliat and remaning daylie in houshald with his said father, and for quhom he is haldin to ansuer, upon the day of June last bypast, accompaneit with the number of threttie personis of brokin hieland men, all boiddin with bowis arrowis surdis and haberschonis, come to the landis of Eister and Wester Banchries, Dalleis Terphogreine, Drynachane mekill and lytle Cullecham, lyand within the thanedom of Calder, perteining to John Campbell of Calder and thair be way of sorne, spulyeit reft and opprest his tennentis, and violentlie cuttit doun iij^xx dussonis young growand treis of the wod of Eister Banchrie callit Torgarve, transportit the samin partlie be his awin men and hors and partlie be the said John Campbellis men and hors, quhom he compellit to do the same, to his landis and stedding of Urlarust, &c. &c.

Whereby the said Lauchlan and his cautioners foresaid have incurred the penalty of 10,000 merks, contained in said act of cautionry, &c.

[SUMMONS AT THE INSTANCE OF COLIN CAMPBELL OF CLUNES.]

James be the grace of God King to our sherifs greiting. Forsamekill as it is humelie menit to us be our louite Collein Campbell of Clunes, upon Williame M^c intosche of Essych Merteyn M^c evir Vic evir in Aberchallador, Lauchlane M^c homas M^c lachlane in Bencher in Badenach [about twenty persons in all]. Quhilkis personis with thair complices with convocatioun of ane great number of Clanchattane and brokin heilland men therabuit, to the number of tua hundreth persones being all boidin in feir of weir with

bowis dorloches tua handit suordis durkis hagbuttis dagis pistolattis and uther forbiddin waponis, haueing conceauit ane deadlie feud agaynis the said complener his kin and frendis, upon the first day of September 1599 com airlie in the morneing about sex houris to the landis of Dunnachtane and to ane barne upon the said landis, quhair the said complener wes with certayne of his frendis lying in thair beddis for the tyme, lippining for na harme; and thair beseidgett the said complener within the said barne for fyue houris, togidder with diuers schottes of hagbuttis and pistolattis in at tham, togidder with ther arrowis; and compellit the said complener and his said cumpanie to render thameselfis with thair wapponis in ther mercieles handis. At the quhilk tyme they faithfullie promeissit to do [no] harme to them, except the taking of ther wapones fra thame: notwithstanding of the quhilk suorne promeis, efter they had renderit thameselfis and ther wapones, it is of veritie that the persones abone complenit upon, tuike the said complener, togidder with Donald M^c^ intalyeor in Barglas Doull M^c^ gilleisch William Hay servitor to Mr. Donald Campbell of Barbrek with diueris utheris captiues, and efter thair taking, maist crewallie, with durkis in thair handis, tua haling ilk ane of thame and the third standing befoir, durkit and slew the said umquhill Donald, Doull, William, and remanent of ther cumpanie, and thairefter tuike fra the said Colleine Campbell his suord quhinger pleat slewis with his purs and ane hundreth pundis of gold therin, ane stand of clathis worth xl lib., his hors with his saddill and brydill and remanent furnitor perteining therto worth the sowme of ane hundreth pundis. And therefter haueing put violent handis on the said Colleine, they keipit him captiue, cariet him the first nicht to Kellachie in Stratherne in Murray, quhair they held him captiue tua dayes, therefter cariet him to the Borlum in Murray, and therfra up and downe the cuntre to diuers houssis, and therefter to Kellachie back agayne, the space of fyfteine dayes togidder, euerie hour threattining him with present death unto the tyme for feir of his lyfe, he wes compellit to subscriue to thame sic unreasonabill bandis and conditiones as they presentit to him, tending to his greit hurt. Our will is heirfoir, &c. &c.

John Campbell of Cawdor married Jean, daughter of Sir Duncan of Glenurquhay. The contract, dated at Edinburgh, 4th December 1601, is not preserved. The "Black Book of Taymouth" informs us that the lady's tocher was 17,000 merks, besides 6000 merks "for holding and abulyements." To set against that large fortune, she had infeftment in the land of Cupar-grange and lands in Muckairn.

In 1602, the Thane of Cawdor was apparently of age. On the 16th June of that year, his next brother Colin grants a discharge of the provision which had been allotted to him, as "second of the house of Calder," by the friends, out of the produce of the Thane's ward and marriage, and also of his "bairn's part of geir," both sums, as we learn from other proceedings, amounting to 5000 merks, 1000 of which was not to be paid till the death of Dame Jean Lawder, Lady Corstorphine, relict of the deceased Sir John Campbell of Cawdor. This Lady, a daughter of Lauder of Halton in Lothian, married, first Sir John Campbell of Cawdor, afterwards, in succession, James Forrester of Corstorphine, and Robert Gray of Cranislie in Angus. In 1603, she and her third husband sold her life-rent of Ferrintosh, mekil Geddes and Cupar-grange, to her son the Thane, for 30,000 merks.

In 1603-4, Scotland was visited with a grievous pestilence. Some efforts were made to stay or abate the plague by sanitary measures, and among others, the magistrates of Elgin caused Thomas Ahannay and two servants, "clengeris of the seikness," to be sent from Edinburgh to Moray, "for clenging of the infected parts, together with the bodies of the persons infected," who seem to have taken 600 marks for their trouble. With the authority of the Lords of Council, the Sheriffs of Moray, Nairn, and Inverness proceeded to assess the country for the relief of the Burgh, and rated every plough at one merk. Cawdor demurred to the amount of forty merks laid on him for the forty ploughs of the barony of Cawdor, and eight merks for Delnys and Arthurscheir, partly on the ground that the tax would yield 20,000 merks, as if he estimated the number of ploughs in the three shires at 20,000.

In 1605, the Thane of Cawdor obtained a renunciation of the lands of Ardacha in Benderloche, Kilbrandon in Sele, Killekerran in Lesmoir, being a great part of the church lands of the Bishop of the Isles, from Colin Campbell of Ardacha, the Bishop's eldest son, who, "understanding himself not to be so apt and foreseeing as need were, to gyid governe or put to proffeit his lands, without the help of his nearest kin and friends," interdicted himself to the Thane, Mr. Donald Campbell of Barbreck Lochow, and John Campbell of Irskay, that he shall not sell or dilapidate any of his lands without their advice; for which Cawdor was to infeft him in the lands of Innerfragan, Kandnacraig, and Blairtrim.

On 17th January 1606, the Right Honourable John Campbell of Calder acknowledged himself debtor to his brother Alexander in 3000 merks, in full of his rights by decease of Sir John his father or the deceased Marie Keith his mother, in security of which he was to have infeftment in one dauach of Clunes occupied by Thomas Calder. The deed is witnessed by Mr. William Campbell, brother to John of Calder, Mr. Donald of Barbrek, Hew in Balnagown, Duncan, brother to the Laird.

In the following year (18 September 1607), Alexander renounced the lands of Clunes in favour of his brother Colin, henceforth styled "of Clunes."

William, the Thane's third brother, had two ploughs of Easter Brechlie for his provision of 2000 merks. He married Agnes Rose, daughter of the Black Baron of Kilrawock, relict of David Rose of Holme, and secondly, Fingwall, eldest daughter of Alexander Campbell of Archattan. Duncan, who is repeatedly styled brother-german of these cadets of the house, is not found receiving any such apanage.

In 1607 (30 April), the Thane, now Sir John Campbell, sold what is now called the barony of Ferrintosh in the Black Isle (comprehending Mulchaich, two Kinkells, and Drumworny), to Simon, Lord Lovat, for £44,000 Scots. Lovat finds as cautioners for the large sum Huchon Fraser of Culboky, James Mudie burgess of Dundee, Thomas Fraser, elder, and Thomas Fraser, younger, of Strichen (ancestors of the present family of Lovat), John Chisholme of Comer, William Rose of Kilravock and Huchon his son, George Munro of Tarrell, William Cumming of Ernside, and Patrick Dunbar of Conye.

While parting with lands across the Firth, the Cawdors were acquiring some on this side. The lands of Durris on Lochness had belonged to a race of Dunbars (lairds, also, of Grangehill in Moray) for more than a century. Sir Alexander, who held them in the fifteenth century, was succeeded by David, Alexander, Robert, and another David, to whom his son Mark was served heir, 21st April 1592. The following contract of sale was formalized and carried out immediately as to the lands. The patronages of Dalcus and Durris with the kirk-lands of Durris, of old annexed to the Priory of Pluscardin, were the subject of a different conveyance, as they were to be held of a subject-superior, the Earl of Dunfermlin, lord of erection of that Priory.

[CONTRACT OF SALE OF DURRIS.]

At Elgin the fourt day of August 1608 yeiris it is contractit betuixt the richt honorabill Sir John Campbell of Calder knycht on the ane pairt and Mark Dunbar of Durris on the other pairt as efter followis. The said Mark Dunbar of Durris grantis him to haif ressauit fra the said Sir Johne Campbell the soume of sextene thowsand merkis. For the quhilkis caussis the said Mark Dunbar of Durris with consent of Ninian Dunbar his eldest sone and appeirand air hes sauld and disponit to the said Sir John, all and haill the landis of the baronie of Durris, speciallie the landis of Durris callit Lowpan, Balliblair in Durris, Drum in Durris, the half land of Holme, the landis of Dalmigavie Littill Ballicharnoche and Tirachirachin with the Salmond fischeing upon Lochnes; to be haldin of our souerane lord the kingis grace for seruice usit and wont. In witnes of the quhilk thing baith the saidis parteis hes subscryvit thir presentis, writtin be Nicolas Dunbar in Elgin, befoir thir witness Colin Campbell brother germane to the said Sir Johne Campbell, Williame Falconer of Logie Johne Campbell commissar of Inuernes Mark Mawer of Mawerstoun.

[CONTRACT OF SALE OF BOIRLUM.]

At Darneway 31 October 1608 yeiris it is aggreit betuix ane noble and potent lord James erle of Murray on the ane pairt, and the rycht honorable Sir Johne Campbell of Calder knycht on the uther pairt in maner following. That is to say the said noble lord hes sauld and disponit to the said Sir Johne Campbell, all and haill the towne and landis of Boirlum, with the maner place fortalice woddis and Salmond fisching upon the loche and watter of Nes; the townes and landis of Collairdis, the town and landis of Kynchyill, all lyand within the lordschip of and shirefdome of Inuernes, togither with the loche of Lochindorb lyand within the forrestrie of the Knok. For the quhilkis premiss the said Sir Johne Campbell oblissis him to content and pay to the said noble lord, the sowme of 14,000 merks within Sanct Gelis kirk in Edinburgh upoun the secund day of Junii

nixt to cum, for the security of the payment of quhilk sum, the said Sir Johne has set and fund the cautionaris following, viz., Thomas Fraser of Streachane, William Ros of Kilrawokis, Dauid Brodie of that Ilk, Alexander Hay of Kynowdie, Dauid Hay of Foynesfield, James Dunbar of Both, Colyne Campbell fear of Glenurquhie, &c. In witness of the quhilk thing bayth the saidis parteis hes subscryvit thir presentis before thir witness Harie commendatare of Sanct Columbisinche Mr. Samuel Falconer chalmerlane to the said noble Lord, &c.

The lands of Little Budyet, held of the Bishop of Moray, belonged of old to John Montgumrie, who disponed them (1568) to Mr. Alexander Campbell of Flenes. Duncan succeeded as heir to his brother Alexander, and was infeft (1570). Colin, son and heir of Duncan, disponed Little Budyet to Sir John of Cawdor (10 October 1608).

Kilrawock lost the lands of half Rait by "Recognition," having alienated some part of them without license of the superior, the King. James Campbell in Rait, the donator, conveyed them to Cawdor, 2 April 1611.

In the same year, Alexander Campbell, Abbot of Ecolmekill (natural son of John Bishop of the Isles), for certain sums of money, set in Tack to Sir John Campbell of Calder knicht the haill Abbacie of Ecolmekill, for the Abbot's lifetime (20 Dec. 1611).

The following letter, which introduces the affairs of Isla, is from a lawyer known as Commissary of Dunblane, whom the Thane had commissioned to visit his brother-in-law, Sir James M'Connell, who had been 'warded,' first in Blackness and then in Edinburgh Castle, since the year 1604, and who was tried and sentenced to death in 1609, but no time fixed for executing the sentence. The first part of the letter is unintelligible, not wholly from the involved style of the writer. In those times secrets committed to letters were wrapped up in mysterious language intentionally.

To the Richt Honorabill the Laird of Calder Knycht.

Please your M.

According to your M. directioun, I went to the castell, and spak Sir James M^c^ connell in the particular committed to me be your M. . . . He swearis he never did interpryse any thing in that earand, but as your M. and he did take togidder; but as my lord Medope informes him, Archibald

M^c^fathenkis Clangregour becaus ye dischargit me to Mr. Donald cuning, bot I feir he mist him. · · · My Lord Maxwell is presentit to the counsall, and abydis quhil the post cum doun from court. I hawe trublit your M. with tedious wryting bot I can not help it. I mak ane end heirof, desyreing your M. gif ye mak ony preparatioun for the Parliament to do it in tyme. Committing you to God I rest your M. servand

JAMES MOWAT.

Edr. 11 September 1612.

Isla, the ancient inheritance of the Lords of the Isles, and long the seat of their almost independent kingdom, was esteemed by the Western Celts of fabulous fertility, and its possession proportionally coveted. After the successive forfeitures and destruction of the direct line of its old Lords, it became the prey of the strongest, and with its fortress of Dunyveg, was the "Castle Dangerous," won and lost in succession by the leaders of the wild clans of the isles. The following renunciation is the first announcement of the great enterprise, which the Knight of Cawdor had for some time meditated, of obtaining possession of this rich territory. The granter, among his clansmen, was known as Angus *mac* James, *mac* Alister, *mac* Ian cathanach, *mac* Ian, *mac* Donald Balloch, *mac* Ian mor, *mac* Ian of Isla, first Lord of the Isles. In the Parliament House and Courts of Edinburgh, he was well known as Angus Macdonald of Dunyveg, crown tenant of many lands in Isla, and father of the Sir James M'Connell who was still a prisoner in the Castle of Edinburgh.

[RENUNCIATION BY ANGUS MACDONALD, abridged.]

Be it kend till all men me Angus M^c^donald, forsamekle as I have instantlie receavit fra the richt honorabill Sir Johne Campbell of Calder, the soume of sex thousand merkis, thairfoir witt ye me to have renuncit discharget and overgevin, fra me and my airis, to and in fauoris of the said Sir Johne Campbell all richt tytil propertie and possessioun quhilkis I ather haid hes or ony wayes may have in and to the landis of Ilay possessit be me and my subtenentis, and perteining to our Souerane lord the kingis maiestie in propertie, binding and obleissing me and my foirsaidis neuir to

trubil inquyet nor molest the said Sir John nor na utheris his tenentis. At Edinbrucht 1 Januarie 1612 yeiris, befoir thir witnes Johne Stewart of Aschcok Alexander M^c donald of Lergie Johne Stewart burges of Rossay and servitor to me the said Angus.

ANGUS M^c DONALD off Dunivaig.

Before accompanying the Knight of Cawdor on his warlike expedition against the Islesmen, we must notice a document which shows us the state of police nearer home. A Royal Commission proceeds on the narrative

That upoun the xiij day of Julii last Johnne Calder and Donald Calder sones to Thomas Calder in Delnie, Allister Cain M^c robbie somtyme in Urchine, Lauchlane M^c lauchlane V^c donald V^c eandow alias clanchattan and Dowle sie alias Grant in Urquhart wer ordourlie denuncit our rebellis be vertew of our utheris letteris raisit at the instance of Coline Campbell of Clunes in default of finding of cautioun to underlye our law for the treasonable fyre raising and byrning of the said Coline Campbell his haill chalmeris barnis and scheip coitt biggit be him upoun his landis of Clunes, and hoching and slaying thrie meiris and ane hors pertening to him, and for diuers uther treasonable crymes committit be thame upoun the said Coline, and the saidis personis rebellis not onlie remanis yitt unrelaxt, bot also doeth quhat in thame lyis to associat unto thame selffis all such of the disordorit thevis lymmaris and fugitiues of the hielandis as thay can forgedder with, intending thairby, howsone thair number sall increase to ony ressonable company, then to manteyne ane oppin and avowit rebellioun: For preventing of whose wicked courses we thairfoir haif maid and constitute our louitis Robert Dunbar of Burgie Johne Dunbar of Moynes and George Monro of Tarrell our justices and commissionaris, to convocat our liegeis and persew the saidis rebellis with fyre and sword, and als mony as salhappin to be apprehendit to detene in sure firmance and captiuitie quhill justice be miñistrat upoun thame . . &c. Gevin under our signet at Edinburgh xj Januar 1614.

Per actum secreti consilii JA. PRYMROIS.

Soon after the cession of his claims to the island of Islay, the old chief of Islay died. His kinsman, Sir Ranald Macdonald, the son of Sorley Buy (afterwards Earl of Antrim), had, in the meantime, obtained a tack of the island, but had not peaceable possession of it. The castle of Dunyveg, for a short time garrisoned by the Bishop of the Isles (Andrew Knox) for the Government, had been surprised; and the Bishop himself, led into a trap, by the sons of the old chief—brothers of the captive of Edinburgh Castle—was obliged to leave his son and nephew in the hands of the rebels, as hostages for his performance of some conditions, especially for doing his utmost to obtain grants by the sovereign in their favour. The Scotch Privy Council do not seem to have been much influenced by the Bishop's undertakings, nor by the peril of the hostages, but turned in search of some one, of power and means sufficient, to reduce the castle and island, and to pay a high rent to the Crown for the possession afterwards.

The Thane of Cawdor offered the required rent, and satisfied the Council that he could perform the task of bringing the Islesmen to obedience, with such slender help of cannon and ammunition as the Scotch Government of that time could afford him. So much being settled (and "relying upon his Majestie's gracious acknowledgement eftir the seruice be well accompleissed," as writes Secretary Lord Binning to Patrick Hamilton at Court), he set forth on his expedition to win his island kingdom. The following documents mark in some degree his progress in his undertaking, and some of the earlier precede, in date, the Crown Charter, which conferred on Sir John Campbell of Calder and his heirs male, heritably in few-ferme, "the Yle and landis of Ylay and Rynnis and middle waird of Ylay, Ilyntassan, with the castell toure fortalice and maner place of Dwnyvaig."—(*Reg. Mag. Sig.* 21 November 1614; ratified in Parliament 1621.)

ADVYCE gevin be the LORDS of his MAIESTIES PRIUIE COUNSAILL to the LAIRD of CADDELL his MAIESTES LIEUTENANT in ILA anent his procedingis in executioune of his MAIESTIES COMMISSIOUNE aganis the REBELLIS detenaris of DUNAVAIG 22 October 1614.

Since his Maiestie hes trustit yow with this charge and hes tane so substantious ordour for furnessing sex canones with all requesit provisiounes and twa hundred waiged souldiers to assist yow in that charge, it is expedient that ye prepair sufficient number of able and weill armed men to

serue yow in this imployment, with all necessars requesite for assidging the hous of Dunavaig and persuite of his Maiesties rebelles be sea and land, so as no prouisioune of airmes poulder victuall bullet fewall boates nor uther necessars meit for that seruice be lakking, to the effect that his Maiesties Inglisch companies quho ar to sie and obserue your actiounes may find no defect of things necessar and semelie for a man trustit with so honourable a charge.

In your going to Glesgow delyver to the Archbischope and to the prouest and bailyeis our letter, and confer wyth thame anent the best and reddiest meanis to moue sum honest and responsall merchandis of ther toune or cuntrie to carie sum flour or good biscuite with sufficient store of good aitmeill and good drinking beir, gif it may be had, and failying thairof gude aile that will keip weill, with salt and coales to be transportit be schip to Ila, for furneissing of his Maiesties Inglisch souldieris at reasonable rates and reddie payment to be maid be the saidis souldieris, wyth assurance to the merchandis that gif ony accident mak thair voyage not be sufficientlie proffitable to thame, that such consideratioun sall be had and acknowledgement gevin to thame for thair losses be my Lord Thesaurar depute, as be informatioune from my Lord of Glesgow and the magistrates of that burgh to the Lords of secret counsell sall be fund reasonable.

Be cairfull to understand the dyet of his Maiesties companies to be sent to Ila with the cannone, and keip correspondence be letter and messages with the Lord Depute of Irland and thair commandaris, useing all diligence to be in the ile with your forces befoir thair comeing thither, to the effect that gif it pleis God you may end the seruice to your honour and his Maiesties thankes befoir thair comeing, and so spairing thair travell and his Maiesties chairges, yow may merite the more favour from his Maiestie.

And if thay come to the ile, tak strict ordour that your people abstene from geving thame ony offence be word or deid, and be the contrarie, command thame to dispose thame selues to gif the souldieries all conforte aid and freindlie assistance; and quhateuer salbe necessar ather for advancement of the seruice or thar reasonable eas and releiffe may be procured with all diligence and to that effect that your men boates and all freindlie menis be reddilie imployed.

It is necessar that according to his Maiesties directioune the hous be of new chairged solemnelie and ordourlie, as als that the detenaris and refusaris to randir be denunced rebellis.

Yow must also chairge the tennentis of the ile to compeir bofoir the Counsale and find cautioune to obserue his Maiesties peace, and for thair compeirance so ofte as thay sall be chairged.

Such of the rebellis as God sall bring in your handis, yow must be cairfull to examine thame verrie exactlie for discouerie of the persones quho wer upoune the first deuyce of thair treasonable rebellioune and taking the hous of Duneveg, and who hes sensyne incuraged thame be counsell help or assistance to persist in thair rebellioune.

Use all possible cair and dexteritie to retire saiflie out of thair hands the Laird of Ranforlie and the bischope of the Iles sone.

If ather thair yeilding or force sall bring the hous in your powar, place thairin ane sufficient number of faithfull and skilfull men to quhome ye may trust the saife keiping of that hous quhill his Maiesties pleasour may be knawin, and let thame be furnessed with all necessares that may inhable thame to keip it.

Becaus thair is ane number in the cuntrie quho haifeing assistit the traitoris ar not in the hous, which is not able to conteane the whole number, be cairfull to apprehend als many of these as yow can and use thame as thay haue deserved.

Yow know his Maiesties mynd anent the principall rebellis.

Befoir yow leiue the ile setle perfyt ordour for establisching and manteining his Maiesties peice and obedience in it, and for protecting the peaceable inhabitantis from iniurie.

It is expected that ye will try thair consultatiounes aganis the bischoppe of the Iles his Maiesties Lieutennent, and all that usit disobedience rebellioune and violence aganis him, and proceid with thame as ye sall think expedient for his Maiesties honour and obedience.

If the rebellis leiue the hous and ile, and flie to any uther pairte of the iles or hielandis for thair saifetie, use your utermost endevour for thair searche and apprehensione, and if ye learne of thair going to Ireland or any other pairt of his Maiesties dominiounis, adverteis such as hes chairge from

his Maiestie of the places of thair refuge, that thay may be persewed and apprehendit.

Suche of the cuntrie people as haue accompanied the rebelles or furnessed thame of commoditeis or intercommoned with thame, not voluntarlie bot be compulsione or just fear, must be used with discretione and reasonable fauour.

Faile not to send verrie frequent advertismentis to the Counsell of all your proceidingis and of your good succes in your chairge, quhilk we pray God to prosper.

BINNING.
R. COKBURNE.
G. MURRAY.
SIR W. OLIPHANT.

THE LIEUTENNENTIS COMMISSIOUN OF JUSTICIARIE, &c. (abridged.)

JAMES, &c. Forsamekle as Angus Oig M^c coneill sone to umquhile Angus M^c coneill callit of Dunaveig according to the unhappie trade of his wicked predecessouries, hauing resoluit auther be force or policye to disturb the peace and quiet of the yllis, in the monethe of March last, causit his awne bastard brother Ronald Oig M^c coneill treasonablie to surprise and take oure castell of Dunavaig in Yla frae the reverend father in God Andro bishop of the ylis who had the keiping thairof; and the said Angus falslie pretending that he wald do some piece of service to us by recoverie of the said house from his said brother, whom he onlie usit as ane instrument to be the first authour of his rebellioun, he in a simulat manner maid a pretendit persute and assedgeing of the said house, and the same being recoverit, he to gif a forder schaw and appeirance of the sincerite of his proceidyngis, causit four of the said Ronald his compliceis to be schaimfully murdreit and slane. The said Angus has also treasonablie refusit to rendir the said hous, quhen he was chargeit be our utheris letteris, for the quhilk he and his compliceis ar denuncit our rebellis and put to our horne. And immediatlie therefter they fortifeit the said castell with men victuall powder and bullett, and hes

keipit the same as he dois yet as ane house of warre agains us and our authoritie. And whereas it wes falslie pretendit be him and his complices that thair keeping of the said hus procedit upon feare that the taking thereof without commissioun micht bring them in danger of our law, we for removing all such suspitioun, wes graciuslie plesit to grant unto thame oure fauour and pardoun for all thair bigane offensis conditionale that they wald rander the said house to the said bischop as oure lieutennent conforme to thair promissis. And the said bischop haueing laitlie in the moneth of September last, past to Yla, and looking that thay wald haue renderit thair obedience to us and maid deliuerance of oure castell, thay did not onlie most undewtifullie reiect and contempne oure grace, but to oure forder contempt, they and Ronnald M^c^ James M^c^ donald, Donald Gorme his sone, Ronnald Oig M^c^ allaster, Johnne M^c^ coneill, Ronnald M^c^ soirle, Soirll M^c^ Crume, Malcoum M^c^ ilfersane, Hector M^c^ caishe —— M^c^ eane sometyme Mr houshald to umquhile Angus M^c^ coneill of Dunnyvaig, Coill M^c^ ronnald, Archibald M^c^ ronnald, Soirll M^c^ allister, Malcolm M^c^ leod, Allaster M^c^ eane, Angus M^c^ achane alias M^c^ allaster, who are all combyned in this rebellioun, did amasse togidder and associat unto thame selffis the haill inhabitantis of the maist part of our ile of Yla, and first haueing most falslie and treacherouslie haldin the said bishop in fair termes, as gif nothing had bene intendit be thame bot in all humilitie to seik peace, in end quhen thair haill power and forceis wer joyned togidder to the number of sevin or aucht score of personis, thay than in the nicht addrest thame selffis to the pairt quhar the said bischop and his company lay, and first thay brak his haill boitis, and than lay about the bischop and his company all that nicht, and upon the morne, thay in oppin hostilitie kythit thame selffis aganis him with mony threatening speitches to haue massacred him and his company, and in end forceit him to rander unto thame [Thomas] Knox his awne sone and [John] Knox of Ranpherlie his nephew as pledgeis that he sould do and performe such conditionis as thay inioyned unto him. And we understanding the good affectioun and willing dispositioun of oure richt trustie and weilbelouit Sir Johnne Campbell of Caddell knycht to do us seruice, thairfore we with aduice of the lordis of oure secrite counsaill haue maid the said Sir Johnne oure Lieutennent and

Justice within the haill boundis of Yla, geuand to him oure full commissioun to convocat our leigeis in airmes, to deuyde thame in seurall companyis, to appoint capitanis and comanderis over thame, and to conduct direct and lead thame to Yla, and thair to follow and persew with fyre and sword the said Angus Oig M^c^ coneil Coil M^c^ gillespick and remanent personis, and to commit thame to waird quhill justice be ministrat upoun thame, and siklyke to persew and assedge the said castell of Dunnyvaig and all uther houssis and strenthis quhairinto the sadis traytoris sal happin to flee, and to raise fyre and use all kynd of force for wining and recouerie thairof; and gif in persute of the saidis rebellis, it sal happin the saidis rebellis to be hurte slane or mutilat, we will and declair that the samin sall not be impute as cryme nor offence to oure said lieutennent; and we dispensis · · · lieutennent and justice courtis within the saidis boundis at quhatsumeuer tymes and places conuenient, all and sundrie personis apprehendit be him to call, be dittay to accuse, and thame to the knawledge of ane assyse to put, and to caus justice be ministrat upoun thame: With power alsua to oure said lieutennent to tak ordoure how oure said cuntrey of Yla may be retenit and halden under oure obedience, and to appoint constables and keiparis in oure said castell of Dunnyvaig: With power alsua to him to tak ordoure that no boitis gallayis umfaddis scautis nor birlingis go oute of Yla, and generallie all uther thingis requisite to do and use · · · · Geuin under oure signet at Edinburgh 22 October 1614.

Per actum secreti consilii.

JA. PRYMROIS.

RANNALD M^c^ JAMES BAND TO SIR JOHNE CAMPBELL.

Be it kend till all men me Rannald M^c^ James V^c^ donald takand the burden on me of Donald Gorme M^c^ donald my sone, that forsameikle as we being delaitit and declairit to his Majestie and counsall of the rebellious taking of the fortalice of Illanlochgorme in Illay, I be thir presentis for my selff and for the said Donald my sone faithfullie bindis and oblissis me to rander and delyver to the right honorabill Sir Johne Campbell of Calder

knicht his Majesties lieutennent of Ilay the said ile of Illanlochgorme betwixt and the tuentie aucht day of this instant moneth of Januar, and sal becum his Majesties trew and faithfull subiectis, and in evidence of the premissis we bindis and oblissis us to do and kythe our selffis trew subiectis and faithfull serwandis in his Majesties seruice aganis the rebellis. At Balnachtan 24 January 1615, befoir thir witness Mr Donald Campbell of Barbrek Lochaw, Colin Campbell of Boith, Johne Oig M^{c} murquhie leiche in Ilay.

RANNALD MAKJAMES V^{c} DONALD
with my hand tuiching the notaris pen.

The leech signs with his own hand thus—

JOHNE M^{c} MURCHIE
Doctour off medicine witness.

[APPROBATIO REGIA, *abbreviata.*]

Jacobus dei gratia Rex, etc. salutem. Sciatis quia nos considerantes prudentissimo ac felici nostro regimine statum et regnum hoc nostrum sub perfecta et solida obedientia stabilitum esse, ac nullam aut perexiguam rebellionem intra aliquam partem eiusdem aperte professam esse preterquam in Ila insula, ac in nefandis ac exlegibus illis rebellibus vulgo Clandonald nuncupatis, qui cum ipsorum sociis arcem nostram Dunyvaig ac insulam de Lochgroome nuper proditorie intercipientes ac redigentes, ipsaque magno numero rebellium puluere sulphureo globulis ac tormentis instructorum munientes ad resistendum nobis nostreque auctoritati. Cuius consideratio quemadmodum in animo nostro regio indignationem regalem procreauit tam exiguum manipulum nefandorum et rebellium in contemptum nostrum tam diu grassari tolleratum esse, ita nos decreuimus nomen ac memoriam infamis illius tribus omnino abolere ac supprimere vel ad obedientiam nostram reducere; ac nos varia consilia circa executionem nostri decreti agitantes, tandem deprehendimus nullum aptiorem esse cui dicti negocii cura com-

mitteretur fido ac dilecto nostro subdito domino Joanne Campbell de Calder milite, non solum ratione propriarum eius virium amicitie ac nervorum ad dictum seruicium exequendum, verumetiam respectu preteriti speciminis et bone experientie quam habuimus de quondam patris dicti domini Joannis fide et diligentia variis preteritis magni momenti negociis ipsi per nos cum in insulis cum contra varios montanos commissis, in quibus bonum ac felicem successum perpetuo habuit. Quemadmodum dictus dominus Joannes nobis specimen sui fidelis seruicii prebere (prout dictus eius quondam pater nobis prius fecerat) libentissime cupiens, non solum curam negocii contra eos e dicta tribu Clandonald, verum etiam varias alias instructiones contra dictam insulam in se suscepit, in quibus varia bona officia prestitit, in quorum prosequutione non solum propriam personam suasque vires ac robur et personas robur ac vires amicorum familiarium impendit, verum etiam ipse ac varii nobiles amici eius qui se illi adiunxerunt, sese in eodem tanta prudentia fortitudine et dexteritate gesserunt, ut eorum opera factum sit ut varii dictorum rebellium deprehensi necati ordine justicie morte multati sunt ad nostrum honorem ac magnum solatium bonorum subditorum, adeo ut nomen illud de Clandonald jam quodam modo extinctum sit, et de tota illa tribu non ultra
persone superstites sunt qui rebelles sint preter et ultra munerum primariorum ducum dictorum rebellium qui jam in vinculis per dictum dominum Joannem justiciario nostro presentandi sunt. In quo seruitio dictus dominus Joannes et socii non solum coacti sunt proficisci contra dictos rebelles dispansis vexillis more militari sclopettis vulgo hagbuttis muscatis pistollis aliisque hostilibus armis, necnon tormentis muralibus et colubrinis vulgo culveringis ad dictam arcem de Dunyvaig obsidendam et quassandam instructi, unde multa in dicto seruitio acciderunt que in bellicis negociis ae nostre voluntatis ac commissionis in talibus casibus exequutionibus recitata sunt et que ut evitarentur vix fieri potuit. Ac nos agnoscentes quam egregie dictus dominus Joannes eiuseque amici sese in dicto seruitio gesserunt, idcirco invenimus et decernimus dictos dominum Joannem Campbell aliasque personas viz. magistrum Donaldum Campbell in Barbreklochhow Archibaldum Campbell fratrem domini de Laweris Archibaldum Campbell in Dunstafnege Colinum Campbell in Kilcalmowkill Archibaldum

Campbell in Inneraw Colinum Campbell de Both fidelissimum sincerum ac gratum seruitium nobis prestitisse in obsessione et occupatione dicte arcis de Dunyvaig tormentorum ac colubrinorum nostrorum subversione dicte insule de Lochgroome ac apprehensione incarceratione cede mutilatione morte exilio aut pena pecuniaria omnium et singularum cuiuscumque status [personarum] ac salui conductus et diplomatis concessione talibus e dictis rebellibus qui sese tradiderunt, in acquirenda ipsis remissione nostra, ac in exequutione omnium aliorum hostilium factorum per dictum dominum Joannem eiusque antedictos commissorum. Quemadmodum nos ratificamus authorizamus et approbamus omnia antedicta facta super quibus ulla actio criminalis seu ciuilis concipi seu fundari poterit. Preterea nos ex speciali gratia remisimus omnem indignationem animi nostri sectamque regiam que nos contra eos habere seu mouere poterimus. In cuius rei testimonium presentibus magnum sigillum nostrum apponi precepimus. Apud regiam nostram de Quhytehall 20 Aprilis 1615.

Early in the year 1615, the Knight of Cawdor, with the help of Sir Oliver Lambard's cannon, had taken the castles of Duniveg and Lochgorme, and ruled undisputed sovereign in the island of Isla. He and the Lords of the Council were planning the repression of the bands of M'Donalds and their followers, now mere marauders and pirates on all the shores and seas of the West, when they were startled by the intelligence that Sir James M'Donald, so long a prisoner, had escaped from Edinburgh Castle (24 May 1615), and was hastening to put himself at the head of his Clan, to gather round him the scattered outlaws of the isles, very ready to follow so daring a leader, and to recover his inheritance. The Council seemed at first paralysed and helpless, and Sir James with a few followers, dashed through Atholl and Rannoch in safety, and met with no opposition in the Isles. The men of the north isles flocked to his standard. Isla was his first object. He surprised the castle, subdued the island—the natives evidently favouring him rather than the Campbells; and then he sent out the fiery cross, and overran his hereditary territory of Kintyre. But his success was short-lived. The Council, compelled to some exertion in support of law, placed the affair in the hands of Argyll, though evidently unwillingly; and the head of the Campbells, with some soldiers hired at the public expense, an expense sorely complained of by the Council, speedily brought the war to a conclusion. There was, indeed, no open war, no pitched battles. Equally in Kintyre and in Isla, M'Donald's undisciplined followers fell from him; and Sir James

himself, almost singly, escaped to Ireland, and from thence to Spain. This remarkable person's career was not to end even there. After Argyll's apostasy and disgrace, and when he too had taken refuge in Spain, Sir James M'Donald returned to England, was restored to Royal favour, and died a pensioner at London (1626).

We should err if we counted this last chief of the old race of Isla a mere Celtic savage, as those who drew his indictment seem to have held him. He was no doubt unscrupulous like his time and his country, and human life was not then held in much respect in the Isles; but Sir James, with the virtues of the savage, had some tinge also of civilisation, and some qualities perhaps acquired during his long imprisonment. He was a reader, and he writes to his friend Lord Crawfurd very anxiously about books he left behind him in prison, and some that fell into the hands of his pursuers when he himself narrowly escaped. These were chiefly controversial books of the old religion, all indeed but one, a "mekle old cornikle in writ." Though his early exploits show him reckless of blood, in later life he was not cruel, and sometimes spared his enemies when in his power. His letters, many of which are preserved and have been printed, show a touch of feeling and of self-respect, and of what was due to his ancient race, with a straightness and manliness of expression that contrast favourably with some of the lawyer's letters here given.

His wife, Margaret Campbell of Cawdor, the daughter of the murdered Thane, attended him at his trial when the Advocate assigned him by the Council declined to defend him. After his escape, he puts his friend the Earl of Crawfurd in mind of some promise of assistance to his wife, whom he must have left behind,—"Remember on our last discourse that same nicht I braik ward anent Margarett." The documents illustrative of his romantic life are to be found in the Records of Secret Council, and among Secretary Binning's letters, in the Advocates' Library. Most of them have been printed or used in well-known publications—Gregory's History of the Highlands and Isles, c. 7, 8; Pitcairn's Criminal Trials, iii. 1-28, 36-370; "The Melros Papers," (Abbotsford Club), &c.

The following paper shows that Argyll recognised the right of the Thane of Cawdor to the island of Isla; and the immediate effect of the defeat and dispersion of the M'Donalds was the restoration of Sir John Campbell to the property of the island.

[Assignation of escheat of the Clandonnell.]

Be it kend me Archibald erle of Argyle Lieutennent to his Majestie oure the illes, and donator to the whole escheittis of the Clandonnell and thair

complices his hienes rebellis, for certane soumes of money payit to me be my weilbeloveit cousin Sir Johne Campbell of Caddell, thairfoir to haif maid him and his airis my very lawfull cessioneris in and to the whole debtis soumes of money takis possessiounis insicht plenisching cornis cattell guidis and geir pertening the saidis rebellis inhabiting the boundis of Ilay, fallin to me as escheit be vertew of his hienes gift, &c. at Dunovaig 11 October 1615, befoir thir witness Colen Campbell of Abirurquhill Archibald Campbell his brother Mr Donald Campbell of Barbrek Lochow.

ARGYLL.

Isla was now absolutely won and held by the Knight of Cawdor; and the lord of the great island must show himself at the English Court, and, in dress and appointments, must not come short of the English Courtiers. Perhaps some of his family accompanied him to London. The following extracts from two accounts show a part of his expense:—

SIR JOHNE CAMPBELL OF CALDER COMPT TO GEORGE OUSTIANE vi Julij 1615.

Item ane hat and ane string to the young lard	x lib.
Item ane pair of wirsat hois to the young lard	iiij lib.
Item 2 pair of perlin gartinis to him	viij lib.
Item 3 ell of ribbinis at viij s. the ell	xxiiij s.
Item ane dosone of poyntis to the young lard	xxvj s. viij d.
Anserit at your M. command to the man that playis on the harp 4 ell 3 quarteris Kenssir cloth, to be his clok and breikis at vj lib. xiij s. iiij d. the ell	xxxj lib. xiij s. iiij d.
Item 3 ell of fustiane to be his dublatt at 40 s. the ell	vj lib.
Item 3 quarteris Inglis stenning to be his sokis at 3 lib. vj s. viij d. the ell	l s.
Item 4 dosone of buttonis at 3 s. 4 d. the dosone	xiij s. iiij d.
Item half ane unce of silk to the clothis	xx s.
Item for stinting to his dublat and clok nek	xviij s.
Item 4 ell ane half of tueill at xij s. the ell	liiij s.

Item for stringis to the breik knyis iij s.
Item for making of his clok dublat and breikis iiij lib.
Item for ane pikingdaill xxvj s. viij d.
Item ane hat and ane hat string to him iiij lib.
Item geifin to the clerchoman to pay for his victuall and passage to Londoun vj lib. xiij s. iiij d.
Item geifin to James Langlandis skiper in Leith for ane corslat of pruiff and ane heid peice xxxiij lib. vj s. viij d.
Item 7 ell of Londoun stenning to be your M. secound sone clok coat and breikis and sokis at v lib. the ell xxxv lib.
Item 3 quarteris of bukasie to lyne the taillis and be puchis x s.
Summa that the lard of Calder is restand me preseiding the 19 of Agust 1615, quhilk was the day your M. come out of Londoun with the earle of Argyle extendis to ij^{c} v lib. xvj s.

[Compt of George Ostian, merchant burgess of Edinburgh, anno 1616.]

Item giwin to your M. dochter to by ane pair of shoon and tua paiper of preynis xxiiij s.
Item to your M. dochter sex ell of ribbinis at vj s. the ell xxxvj s.
Item sex quarteris of incarnit ribbinis at x s. the ell xv s.
Item fyve quarteris of quhytt bukkasie to be hir tua pair of sleivis xvj s. viij d.
Item giwin to by her gluiffis vj s.
Item to hir ane fyne wyre l s.
Item to Duncane your sone at James Mowatis command v ell and ane quarter of Kentschyr claith at ten merkis the ell xxxv lib.
Item delyverit to James Mowat to your M. dochteris gown 13 ell of reid and blew growgrame at liij s. iiij d. the ell xxxiiij lib. xiij s. iiij d.
Item 9 unce fyve drop of waltingis and silk to hir gown at xl s. the unce, is xviij lib. xij s. vj d.
Item 9 quarteris of gray bukkasie at ane merk the ell xxx s.

Item tua ell of bukkram at ane merk the ell xxvj s. viij d.
Item 3 dussone of buttones therto x s.
Item 8 ell of balling at 3 s. the ell xxiiij s.
Item 3 quarteris of tueidill to lyne the sleivis at xiij s. iiij d. the ell x s.
Item 3 quarteris and ane half of yellow stennyng to be hir tua pair of schankis at iij lib. x s. the ell, *inde* iij lib. j s. iij d.
Item 3 drop of silk to the tua pair of hoise vij s. vj d.
Item for making of the hois x s.
Item to be your M. sones claith with twa pair of hois to every ane of thame on the 10 of September, sevin ell of Frenche stennyng at vij lib. the ell xlix lib.
Item to John Dow four ell of kelt to be his coat at xxx s. the ell is vj lib.
Summa of John Dow his claithis lv lib. x s. viij d.
Item on the 3 of October tane aff to your M dochter ane ell and half ell of filamorn camblatt to be hir sleivis at iiij merkis the ell iiij lib.
Item 3 quarteris of reid bukkram to musche out the sleivis xv s.
Item delyverit to Williame Campbell your serwand, fvye quarteris of cramesie satyne at xj lib. the ell is xiij lib. xv s.
Item for ane half quarter of cramesie taffetie xxij s. vj d.
Item on the 9 of November tane off to William Campbell your serwand sevin quarteris of blak bischopis satyne at 5 merk the ell v lib. xvj s. viij d.
Item to your M. selff ane gold string xvj lib.
Item on the 14 day of November delyverit to your M. dochter ten ell of blew ribbands to be her ane snwid at iij s. iiij d. the ell xxxiij s. iiij d.
Item mair delyverit to hir sevin quarteris of braid blew ribbinis to be hir ane belt at x s. the ell xvij s. vj d.
Item delyverit to hir ane muff to hir handis iiij lib. x s.
Item delyverit to William Campbell ane hank of gold iij lib. vj s. viij d.
Mair ane hank of siluer iiij lib. vj s. viij d.
Item ane unce of blak silk xxxij s.
Item tane off to your M. paige thrie ell of fyne Yorkschyre claith to be him ane clok and his bullioun breikis at ten merk the ell xx lib.
Item 4 ell and ane half of London fustiane to be his dublatt and bullioun brekis ix lib.

Item xj quarteris of kelt to be his coat at xxx s. the ell iiij lib. ij s. vjd.
Mair tane off to your sones twa gounes fyve ell of Yorkschyre claith at ten merks the ell xxxiij lib. vj s. viij d.
Item fyve unce of pesmentis and silk to forme the twa gownes ix lib.
Item for ane quarter and ane half of veluet to the neckes of thame vj lib.

To meet these expenses money was to be sought, and it was then very hard to find. On 26 May 1617, Sir John Campbell of Calder sold to Williame Dollas of Cantray, for 3000 merks, the lands of Croy, which he had acquired of Holme, to be held of the Bishop, the liferent reserved of Agnes Ros, and afterwards of Jonnet Campbell, spouse of the said Williame Dolles. She was the natural daughter of the Thane's father.

Further to supply means in this time of urgent necessity we have the following

[COMMISSION TO SELL PLATE.]

Be it kent till all men be thir present letteris me Sir Johnne Campbell of Calder knicht to haue gevin full commissioune to Mr Johnne Rollok commissar of Dunblane to sell and dispone ane belt of gold weyand twelf unce and twa drape; item ane chaynye of gold weyand six unce and ane half unce; item fourtie aucht stutheris of gold les and mair for ane garnisching for ane gentilwoman, with ane nidle of gold weyand foure unces. Item saxtene greit buttones of gold weyand thrie unces wantand twa drap; quhilkis weyis in haill ane pund and half pund ane unce and half unce weacht. And sicklyke to sell ane great silver baissone and lawer partiall gilt, ane silver saltfatt with ane cover theairto; item ane little saltfatt and cover above the silver dowble overgilt; item three bread silver peisses with ane lid to serve the haill thrie of plane wark, everie ane of the saidis thrie peisses and lid haveand my name and armes; item ane chissilit peace with ane lid thairto; item tua silver futtis for quhit cowpis; item ane duzone and ane half duzone silver spunes, all weyand the said silver wark
pund fyne silver, quhilkis being sauld and disponit, it sal be leissum to the said Mr Johne Rollock to pay so muckle of my debt ather awand be me to himself, or that he standis cautioner for me to any persone, according to ane contract past betuixt him and me, quhairin the haill soumes quherin

he standis cautioner for me or that I am awand to him is contenit, extending to 48500 merks, quhairof the said Mr Johne ressaueit payment at Whitsonday last off 17500 merks. At Calder 9 December 1617.

Mem.—Mr John Rollock hes of your silwer work moir nor is in this commisssioun, for in that he sould have send to you and send not the samyn—ane silver saltfatt. Item ane silver cup. Item ane duzone of silwer spunis.

Some bonds of friendship or allegiance mark the progress which the new lords of Islay were making among the island people.

THE CLANBREGHOUN THAIR BAND TO THE LAIRD OFF CALDER.

Be it kend till all men me Patrick Breghoun in Lagan for myself and taking the burden for Donald Breghoun my sone and we baith for Gillecreist M^{c} breghoun Gormyk M^{c} breghoun [*ten names in all*] and for the rest of our kin and followaris, oblissis us, that forsamekill as in tyme past we have been suspectit as favoraris of his Majesties rebellis the Clandonald, which we protest we did nocht, bot so far as we were compellit for feir of our lyfis, thairfoir we bindis us be our bodielie athis that in all tyme cuming we sall be guid and trew subiectis to his Majestie and sall be dewtifull and obedient serwandis and tenantis to Sir Johne Campbell of Calder knycht our maister, and sall assist and take afauld pairt with the said Sir Johne in all his lawfull actionis as becomis dewtifull kinsmen and obedient tennentis. Subscriuit with our handis at Dunyvege the last of Julii 1618 yeris, befoir thir witnes Archibald Campbell brother to the said Sir Johne, Alexander Ros Ewin Oig.

On the same day "the clan M^{c} keiy," viz. Neil M^{c} kay in Grimsay for himself and taking burden on him for Neil na ban M^{c} kay his sone, and they bath taking burden for Donald M^{c} neill Moir M^{c} kay, Angus M^{c} neill Oig M^{c} kay, Donald Glass M^{c} kay, &c. granted bond to Sir John of exactly the same tenor, same witnesses, &c.

On 11 August 1618, "the Clanfearchar," viz. Archibald Mc kearchar in Losset for himself and taking burden on him for his brethren Johne Mc wyle Mc kearchar Ewin Mc kearchar, Farlach Mc kearchar, Eachin roy Mc kearchar, &c. &c. grant a similar bond to Sir John at Duneveg 11 August 1618.

Much importance must have been attached to the following Bond, as, besides the contracting parties, no less than twenty-five gentlemen of the name and alliance of Campbell sign it. From the mode of signature, which seems to have been then in fashion, it is difficult to decipher many of them. Several of the greater barons sign by their territorial designation.

[BOND AMONG THE BARONS OF ARGYLL.]

At Inveraray 12 Januar 1619 yeiris. Forsamekle as the barounes and gentlemen of the surname of Campbell underscryberis being convenit for taking ordour in absence of the Erle ther cheife for observing of our soverane lordis peace in the cuntrie and for establisching and mantenyng of the estaite of the hous of Argyle and uther gude affairis and busines, considering of the difference oyreist and emulatioune intervenit throw the slauchter of umquhile Sir John Campbell of Caddell knycht, quhairof umquhile Sir John Campbell of Ardkinglas knycht, father to Sir Colen Campbell now of Ardkinglas was reput and haldin as airte and pairt of the said slauchter, nocht onlie to the prejudice hurte dampnage and losse of the saidis twa houssis, bot also to the haill kyn and freindis of the name of Campbell; and in regaird it is knawin unto the said Sir John of Caddell knycht that the said Sir Colen is innocent of the said slauchter, being then minor of the age of yeiris or therby, thairfoir the said Sir Johne Campbell frielie and fullilie hes remitit and forgevin the said Sir Colen all rancour malice inwy and haitreit of mynd that he hes conceavit aganis the said Sir Colen, and hes acceptit the said Sir Colen in brotherlie loue ametie and freindschipe, intending be the grace of God to continew therintill to ther lyfe end. For the quhilk caussis the said Sir Colen of hes awin voluntar doing hes promisit to concur and advance fortifye and assist the said Sir John and his successouris in all ther lessum actiounes querrellis

and debaitis, our souerane lord and the earles of Argyll ther cheife being exceptit. In witnes quhairof the saidis parties and the freindis hes subscribit thir presentis day yeir and place foirsaid.

Sir J. Campbell of Calder.
Sir C. C. Ardkinglas.

Sir D. C. Achinbrek.
Donald Campbell of
Alex. Campbell off Lochannell.
Mr. J. Campbell.
A. Campbell of Dunstafnych.
J. Md of Rayray.
D. Campbell of Barbreck.
Colein Campbell off Ormadill.
Colin Campbell off Straquhur.
. . . Mc dougall off Taynich.
. of Tarbert.
J. Makneill of Ghyneis.
Donald Campbell of Barichbyand.
Archibald Campbell off Ottir.
Archibald Campbell of Strondonoch.
Coline Campbell of Kilmechell. (?)
A. Campbell off Kilbryd.
&c. &c. &c. &c.

At Achalebon the last day of September 1619, it is agreit betwix the richt honorabill personis Sir Johne Campbell off Calder knicht and Sir Johne Mc dowgall of Dunolych knicht. That is to say the said Sir Johne Mc dowgall for the mutual luiff amitie and frendschipe to stand betuix the hous of Dunolych and the hous of Calder, and for thair weal and posteritie that sall succeid efter them, faythfullie bindis and oblissis him to fortefie assist and concurr with the said Sir Johne Campbell in all his lesum actionis and querrelis; lykas he sall not sie nor sall cum to his knawledge ony hurt or skayth to be done to the said Sir Johne Campbell, bot sall stope

the samin, and sall mak him aduerteisit thairof. For the quhilkis caussis the said Sir Johne Campbell of Calder knicht faithfullie bindis himself to fortefie and mantein the said Sir Johne M^c^ dougall of Dunolych in lyk manner. Reservand alvayis thair dewties to the authoritie and the hous of Argyll. Befoir thir wittnes Alexander Campbell of Ardchattane Mr. William Campbell off Geddes Mr. Donald Campbell of Barbrek Lochow Duncan M^c^ dougall of Ardlarach Archibald Campbell of Dounstaffynish Johne Campbell fear of Ardchattane Archibald Campbell his brother Duncan O'conchair meditionar.

SIR J. CAMPBELL of Calder.
SIR J. M^c^ D. of Donolych.

TO THE RICHT HONORABILL SIR JOHN CAMPBELL OF CALDER KNICHT.

RYCHT HONORABILL

Since the wryting of my letter, Sir Gedeon Murray sent for me to come to him anent the taxatioun of Illa. As men will be ask- and questiounes, sindrie askit of the Laird of Alter quhat was your estait in the north, and if you haid sauld, as his anser wes that your worschip wes one of there foremest men in Murray, that your worschip livet so quyetlie and honestlie doing your effaires and reteirit your selfe fra court and sessioun and quher men luikit for no thing bot quhen you sould have sauld all your landis that they ar disapoyntit. So Sir since fremit men reportis better of you nor uther men dois, who boithe aucht and ar moir oblist as I shall show heireafter, preis to let the evill speaker be fund a lier and the trew reporte stande so, for commonlie a man being anis weill and than worse, the report rinis sone therof, so is it that quhen a man hes not beane weill and become better, that the report thereof rinis faster quhilk I pray God may be so with you.

I restis

your servant at power
JAMES MOWATT.

Edinburgh 4 Marche 1618.

To my richt traist cusing the Laird of Calder.

Richt traist cusing, I think or now ye ar adverteised of the cours my lord and father hes takin, quherby he hes so kindled his majesteis wrath aganes him and his hous, that it sall not mis presentlie to be indangered, if not altogidder ruyned (except God haue utherwayes resolved) and all instrumentall means by the wisdome and mediatioun of good freindis be specialie used for the mitigatioun of his majesteis heiche displeasure. And because natur and dewtie doe boeth concur to astrict me to succour both my father and the hous of my expectatioun, wer it with the derrest blood of my bodie, I am by thir presentis to intreit you most ernestlie, all excuis putt asyde, as a principall freind to the hous to meitt me at Edinburgh the fyften day of December to gif your best counsall how his majestie may be pleased, and the approaching danger to my father and his hous spedilie preuented. Thus resting confident of your cuming as I salle euir rest

your loving cousing
Lorne.

Aberdour 13 November 1618.

To the righte honorabill Sir Johne Campbell of Calder knighte these:

Righte honourable

I have this daye past the signetor of your escheat and lyfrent in fauoris of Mr. Donald the compositioun quherof is £20, bot ife it had not bene his Majesteis will and past be him 5000 merkis wold not have peyit as Sir Gedeon told the erll of Mare; and the lordis, to mak yow the mair myndfull of his Majesteis dewteis of Illa hes exceptit out of the gift of that lyfrent the landis of Illa quhilk they will dispone to non bot your selfe, quhilk is all weill done. Mr. Thomas Knox is comet heir from court, he is bischope of the Ilis and his gift past throw the sealis alreddie, he told me that his Majestie spak weill of yow. The Lord be praised your turnis

gois weill and depend upoun God and they will go on the better. Hawe a cair of your awin turnis in the northe, and I sall sie nothing go wrong heir quhat I can mend. Archibald Prymrois is comet home, he hes schawin a letter to Mr. Donald and me writtin to him be Mr. Johne Hamiltoun declairing that the fellow who wes in Illa did say litil of the leid in Illa, as the letter will shawe yow. I perceave he is a knawe. Sir becaus the communion aproches I hawe maid your tua cupis reddie weyand ilk cup ten unce weacht and ane half unce, and ilk unce at £4, and the workmanship of ilk unce 8s. The gilting of thame is £12, and the cass £3, summa of the haill £86, 6s. 8d. They ar boithe weill and cheip done as ye may sie, &c. I rest

your w. seruitor at power
JAMES MOWAT.

Edinburgh 18 of Marche 1619.

TO THE RYCHT HONORABILL SIR JOHNE CAMPBELL OF CALDER KNYGHTE.

RYCHT HONORABILL

I resauit your letteris whairby I perceave that your worship thinkis the puir man who broght home the cups and seasing of Illa causit opin the packet to know what wes within the samyn. I am perswadit he never did so, bot howsoeuer I sall send nothing heirefter bot with your awin servantis. As concerning Coill his remissioun feir not, I am walkryfe anoughe theranent, and sall be God willing. I sall acquent boith the erll of Mare and the secretarie thairanent befoir any thing be done in that remissioun. The gift of your escheat is past and lyfrent boithe. I will not have you to put Mr. Donaldis name therin becaus he is under trubill withe the Claneandow, and it may be he may be put to the horne, and he being donator to your lyfrent, the samyn will fall as moweabill gudis, therfoir adwyse and adwerteis me that we may put a frie manis name therin. I haue spokin my Lord Enzie who assuris me that his predicessoris hes the landis of Innermerkie be your predicessoris resignatioun, and promisit to let me sie the rightis therof. Receave half a pund of the best tabacco can be gottin for

money, it is boithe deir and skant. Receave a quair of gilt paper and ane roll of brunt wax. Sir caus send me the superplus of the tua cupis. So referring all to yourselfe I rest

your servant at power
JAMES MOWATT.

4 April 1619.

TO THE SAME.

RICHTE HONORABILL

I resauit your letter and according thairto, I tuik panis to go with Patrik Campbell to the cunyiehous, whair we exchangeit first xlvij Flemis rosnobilis at x lib. the peace, come to iiij^{c} ij^{xx} x lib. Item we exchangeit of cardequis v^{c}, and got thairfoir iiij^{c} xlviij lib. 1s. iiijd. Item mair of rosnobilis, 21, of · · · · nobilis 2, mair of single ducatis 3, mair of doubil pistolettis 1, mair of Flemis angelis 2,—the haill soume exchangeit in the cunyiehous bothe silwer and gold coine as we receavit to £1234, 18s. 8d.

I payet that I borrowit quhen I went to Court 350 merkis, by and attour the uther 300 merkis I borrowit in London. I knowe it hes been great panis to your w. to gather the samyn togidder bot yet your creditoris will [not] content thairwithe. I wold wische to God that your w. wer frie of thame all, as for my awin pairt I man have patience quhill God mend with your w. alwayis I will not truble your w. forder so restis ever

your servant
JAMES MOWAT.

Edinburgh 29 May 1619.

TO THE RIGHT HONOURABILL SIR JOHNE CAMPBELL OF CALDER KNIGHTE.

RIGHTE HONOURABILL

Since the wryting of my uther letter, this beirer Donald is returnit home from Eingland, thair is tuo letteris direct with him to your w. whiche

pleas receave herein cloisit. I hawe resauit a few lynis from your Ladie and her mother quherin they shawe me the disease of Sir Thomas, and that thair is no lyfe luikit of him bot deathe. The Ladie your mother in lawe shawis me he hes provydit your Ladie to hir portioun, and thinkis meit that your w. wer thair quhidder he die or leife bot do thairin as seamis yow best. I heir be the beirer that they now despair of your thair coming, quherof I think weill, for if ony thing mak thame to come · · · it wilbe now quhen they haue tint hope of thair former intentioune. Bot how so ever (ife it wer for your proffeit) I wold wische yow and your Ladie wer as yow should be, &c. I rest ewer

Your servant at power
JAMES MOWATT.

Edinburgh the last of May 1619.

GIFT OF THE ESCHEAT OF SIR J. CAMPBELL OF CALDER.

James, &c. wit ye us, withe consent of our richt traist cosing and consallour Johne earle of Mar hiche thesaurar of Scotland, to haue gevin and grantit to our louit James Mowat wrettar to our signet, the escheit of all and sindrie gudis geir moveabill and unmoveabill, togidder with the escheit of lyfrent of all landis annuel rentis, quhilkis pertenit of befoir to Sir Johne Campbell of Calder, and now pertening to us be ressoun of escheit, throw being of the said Sir Johne Campbell ordourlie denuncit rebell and put to our horne, upone the 22 day of Maii 1618, for not payment making of the soume of sex thowsand pundis money as for the fewdutie of the landis of Iyla Rynnes and Middilwaird thairof set in few be us to the said Sir Johne, for the crope and yeir 1617 yeiris, and for not payment making of uther 6000 pundis for the yeir 1616 yeiris · · · Gevin under our priue seill at Edinburgh the penult day of Junii 1619 yeiris.

TO THE SAME.

RICHT HONORABILL

I spoke with the Duck his grace in your w. particular at lenthe and delyuerit your letter to his grace. He shew me that he had no uther

designe in the commoning betuixt your w. and him bot onlie as weill willer of youris to mowe yow to drawe in Inglische men to Illa boithe for the fisching and leid myneis thair, and shew me that he knew non in particular bot that ther wes a great mony in Ingland who wold be glad to imbrace that bussines if your w. wer content. I shew his grace that your w. wold be reddie upon his adwertisment to come to court or ellis whair to undertake bargaine be his graces advyce. His anser wes he wald not drawe you to charges quhill he had bespokine sum undertakeris in that particular, and that therefter he should adwerteis yow to come thair, quhilk should be for your proffeit. I shew his grace anent your seruice in Illa, he hes not onlie promised to be your freind in that, bot he protestit werie earnestlie to be your freind in all uther thingis. I have spoken Mr. Levingstoun at lenthe, who thinkis gud that ye wer at court against the kingis coming to Whythall, for he thinkis your awin presence will do muche becaus he knowis the kingis gud will towardis yow: ye neid not dout of his concurence. Duncane hes delyuerit all thingis to me according to your w. memoriall except the sockis quherof he hes neid him selfe. As for your belt and quhinger he keipis the samyne about him. So I hawe resawit the sadill clothe, the black box, the butis and spuris withe a belt wes left heir, quhilk I sall keip quhill your w. send for thame. I hawe informit [*Duncan?*] of your mynd befor Johne and Colene, he hes choissine upoun all hazardis to be scholler and hopis to do weill, and if I sie ony · · · in him notwithstanding of his assuirance I sall adwerteis yow to recall him, and if he will not be recalit, I sall dischairge him, bot I hope it will not come so, for he is not a chyld nowe. Johne and Coleine lernis weill. Resave heirwith a letter fra your Ladie, · · · · I rest

your w. servant
J. Mowat.

Edinburgh 24 August 1619.

To the same.

Righte honorabill

I receavit your letter and acquentit Mr. Nathaniell with your intentioun anent the myndis in Illa. He is content no wayis to call your righte

in questioun bot ife your w. and he can agrie he is content upon the righte ye hawe to end with you, bot he thinkis it not amis that ye wold tak a gift from his Majestie of the myndis in Illa. I shew him that your desyre was to give him a nynteine yeries tak for 15,000 merkis, bot he will nather give suche a girssum nor yet ony girssum bot a yeirlie dewtie. Consider thairof and sie if you can wynd the myndis yourselfe, and mak bargaine with Irland peipil theranent. Thair came letteris to you from Ingland from the Duik my Lord Sanquhar and I think fra Mr. Levingstoun, whiche I think wes concerneing your Ladie for so they writt to me, quhilk letteris I sent withe a servant of M^{c} conillis callit Mulmorie to the Capitane of Dunstafnes to haue bene sent to you whiche I hope is come to your hand, and I writt therwithe my opinioun that you should writt anseris thairof to informe thame that your absence from hir is not to be imput to you becaus it may be as I dout not bot it is, that hir mother hes informet thame utherwayes. I hawe formed ane assignatioun to be subscriuit be yow to me of the haill sowme payit be yow for Donald Gorme, that I may lybel summondis and persew therfoir. I geve in a bill befor the counsall to get your name and Mr. Donaldis in the commissioun against the Clanean, they wold not grant your names therin bot M^{c} coullis Barbreckis and the capitane of Dunstafnes. My Lord Interteill is werie weill content that I be choissin be the frendis boithe writter and agent in all the Erll of Argyllis affairis, desyre all your awin freindis and George Lowdoun that no wryter be imployet in ther turnis bot me, and crave the barroun of Achylis helpe towardis me to be wryter in my Lord of Argylis and his freindis affaires. Receave half a pund of the best tabacco I can get in Edinburgh, withe xij quair of paper. I think it wer not a mise to send Donald for licorous bot not to wryt withe him nor yet to desyre him to go to your Ladie, for out of dout he will go undisyrit, for now is the tyme of lykorous seting. The barnis learnis weill, I will enter thame to the College nixt oulk. Duncane keips the kirk weill boithe Sunday and oulk day, his intentioun is if God pleas to studie to be a minister. I rest

your servant at power
J. Mowat.

Edinburgh 8 October 1619.

TO THE SAME.

RICHT HONORABILL SIR

Pleas the counsall convenit me befoir tham in Sir Gedeoun Murrayis hous to intimat to me that they wold reduce your infeftment of Illa and tak the gift of your lyfrent and escheat thereof, in respect ye had not payet your dewteis therof thir tua yeiris bigane. I proponit in your name sufficient ressounis to staye the samyn and to excus your absence quhilk wer tedious to repeit, quhilk mitigat the haill lordis sumthing. Therfoir Sir haue a cair to send or come with the money or wryt your excuis (whilk I think sall not be acceptit without money) becaus the king hes apoyntit it for the Lady Home, and Bukinghame takis doing for hir. Ye wer oblist to the gud wordis of the secretar as ye haue bene euer, and to the Erll Mar my Lord Erskin the thesaurer deput and the advocat. At your cuming give thame thankis. The thesaurer deput shew that it wes told him that ye wold not cair to haue the infeftment reducit, bot I anserit therto, in presence of the haill Lordis as affeirit. I pray you Sir be not forgetfull of this matter. I rest

youris at power

J. MOWAT.

Edinburgh 2 February 1620.

TO THE RIGHT HONOURABLE SIR JOHN CAMPBELL OF CALDER KNIGHTE THESE BE DELYUERIT AT CALDER OR WHER HE IS WITHE SPEID:

RIGHT HONORABILL

I have spokin withe the king at Wodstock, his Majestie told me that I could haue no audience for dispatche of my bussines whill I come to Wynsor or Theibols. I hawe attendit his Majestie at Wynsor bot can hawe no

dispatche thair in respect the counsall convenit so oft. I am attending heir at Theibols, bot hardlie do I think to hawe conference with his Majestie whill he be at Hamptoun Court whiche will be the nixt weik. The erll of Mar can get no dispatche whill he come thaire, nather can the bischope of Dunblain nor the clerk of Edinburgh get presence whill his Majestie be in Hampton. His Majestie is trublit withe manie bussiness, bot I expect his Majestie will be mowet to grant yow sum guid, to the procuring whairof I shall do my best indevour. I hawe schawin his Majestie no particuler projectis (nor will not) whill I get sum thing grantit to yow. I am resoluit not to lewe his Majestie whill I get his gud anser. Archibald Campbell and William Stirling is heir to get his Majesties warrand to go to the erll of Argyll becaus the erll hes writtin for thame, therfoir learne what it menis. Sir James M^{c} donaldis remissioun is ordanet to be past but cautioun for his peax als lang as he remanis in England, bot befoir he come to Scotland he moist find cautioun. I hawe learnit be Sir Frances Stewart and Sir Andro Keth that if the devorcement wer throughe your sister may luik for 10,000 merkis. I told them that it wes intendit, wherof they thocht weill on hir part, and told me they wold deall with Sir James to give certaintie for the money against the pasing of the devorce. Sir James send for me to come speik withe him bot I wold not go to his chalmer becaus at our first meiting in Wodstock, he tuik drylie with me. Ragray and M^{c} naughtoun is great with Sir James and ewer trysting with utheris. Mistres Wauchame disyrit me to remember hir loue to yowe, &c. I rest

youris at power

J. Mowat.

Theibols 18 September 1621.

The conquest of Islay was expensive, and little aid was afforded by the Government. There is evidence of the difficulties in which Sir John was involved, in the numerous wadsets over almost every portion of his northern estates. Creditors of every degree were clamouring for payment, the letters of the Edinburgh doer mostly taken up with pressing demands for money to satisfy them. Some time between 1620 and 1622, a meeting of the friends took place at Dunblane. The following minute of their deliberation has been preserved :—

HEIDIS COMMONIT BE THE LAIRD AND HIS FREINDIS AT DUNBLAINE.

The burding of the Laird of Calderis obligatione debt is ane hundreth thousand merkis or therby.

1. To adwyse whow the said debt salbe defreyit quhidder be wedsett selling or be continuatione upoun annual rent.

2. Item to be adwysit anent quhat forme of securitie that frendis will craiff of the laird anent the secureing of them, that he sall remaine ferme and stable, and anent ther warrandice and intromissioun, &c.

3. Item quhat salbe apoyntit for the lairdis awne interteinement.

4. Item concerning the interteinement of the bairnis.

ANSWERIS.

1. The foirsaidis debtis is metest onlie to be releivit be selling and wedsett, and in continuatione upon annual rent, and this to be done be the lairdis personall presens with the consent of thois that ar infeft.

2. The foirsaid debt being defreyit be wedsett and selling, the freindis desyris the lairdis sonne to be put in fie of sick as salbe frie therafter, and ane present band to be maid to that effect, and that band to be maid to his sonne for securitie of his constancie and standing of his house. As for the freindis intromission the laird sall receave sufficient cawtione ather in brugh or land.

3. As concerning the lairdis interteinement, the freindis thinkis that ther is sufficient to doe the same.

4. As for the interteinement of his bairnis, sick as ar not meit for schoollis, the frendis sall tak burdinge quhill they be meit for the scoollis.

FOR DEFRAYING OF THE DEBTIS.

1. The freindis thinkis expedient the laird passe presentlie to the northe, and in his going ther, sell the reversione of Cupergreange for ten thousand merkis money, and mair as he may hawe.

2. And at his cuming to the northe, thinkis it expedient that Delnes and Arderseir be sauld for threttie sewin thousand merkis money, by the present burdingis.

3. That Dowmaglas be sauld for fywe thousand merkis money by the burding, utherwayes that twa thousand merkis money be eikit in the reversione.

Then follow arrangements for wadsets on Ruyrioche, Little Urchny, Drynachane, Banchor, Auchindoun, Reat-Castell, &c., as also of lands appointed to be sold in Argyle.

The haill freindis thinkis it expedient that James Campbell in Reat be create chalmerlane of the landis and liwing in the northe, and his entres to be at Whitsonday nixt, and that Colen Campbell of Clunes, Mr. William Campbell of Brachlie, and Johne Campbell of Moy be obleist conjunctlie and sewerallie for the said chalmerlanis intromissioun; and Colen Campbell of Lundie, James Campbell of Laweris, Colen Campbell of Bruchell and Mr. John Rollock commissar of Dunblane to be auditoris of the said compt, and the saidis haill rentis be varitt for redemptioun of the laird of Calderis landis that sall happin to be wedsett.

Item that the capitane of Dunstafnes be chalmerlane of the landis of Argyll, and Mr. Donald Campbell of Barbrek cawtioner.

Item it is thought meitt be the freindis that Mr. William Campbell of Brachlie be create chalmerlane of Ilay for in gathering of the kingis dewtie.

Item it is thought meitest be the friendis that the laird of Calder warandis and preceptis to his chalmerlane of oney sowmes or victell sall navayes be anserit to the chalmerlane exept the precept or warrand be authorisit be the subscription of the laird of Lundie the laird of Laweris Colen Campbell of Bruchell Mr. Johne Rollok commisser of Dunblane, or anie twa of them, uthirvayes the chalmerlane to get noe allowans.

Sir J. Campbell of Calder.
C. Campbell accepts.
W. Campbell acceptis.
Mr Donald Campbell accepts.

[Letter from J. Mowat.]

Right honourable

According to your directioun I haue raised a sumondis at your sone Johne his instance for chargeing his curatoris to compeir befoir the lordis the 16 Julii nixt whiche I haue sent to Johne to be execut. I haue lykwayis disyrit him to caus raise a sumondis befor the commisser of Inuernes and to sumond his freindis on your and his motheris sydis to a day in Junii or Julii to heir curatoris gevin to him thair. So adwerteis Johne and your freindis in haist that they may be redie on the adwertisment to go southe. Your Ladie is still at Londone, bot hes writtin no anser as yet. The bischope of Illis hes writtin to me that the king hes yeildit to all the projectis that your w. acquentit the bischope withe, and disyris me to writt to yow to meit him at Edinburgh the 20 of Junii. The newis occurrent heir—the king of Bohemia prewailis mightelie aganis the Emperoure and is lyk to prevaill. The armey that the king had suposed to come hither went aganis the Wenetianis and the Wenetianis hes subdewit thame, altho thair armie was great. It is thoght that the Prince will marie the Landgraue of Heisces dochter, her uncle is come to Edinburgh aud the king hes writtin to welcome him heir. These be all the occurrent newis, so not trubling your w. forder I shall ewer rest

youris at power
J. Mowat.

Edinburgh 11 Junii 1622.

Sir John Campbell's brother, Colin of Clunes, seems to have lived quietly in his upland retreat, when not disturbed by the incursions of his highland neighbours incited by the Calders, the old kindly tenants of his land, descended from Alexander the youngest son of the last Thane William. Colin's presence had been requested in Edinburgh, and the following is the quaint reply:—

[From Colin Campbell of Clunes.]

Right honorabill Sir and loving brother, my loving dewtie premitted, I recevit your letter desyring me to kep tryst with the Laird of Grant in

Edinburgh the xv of Julie, for satling your sone and the affaires of your howse and for chusing your sones curatoris. Sir the satling of your affairis and your sones ar materis that may not be done suddentlie, and my esteat (blissed be God) is nocht meit for Edinburgh voiages in respect of the hurt and losses I got this last yeir, much les for staing on long trystis in it. Your sone neidis no curatoris till he hawe sumthing to be takin care of, nather may he be rightlie infeft till Hew Campbellis air renunce in his favoris, or that the lordis be thair decreit decerne Hewis infeftment null, quherof nather may be done suddentlie. Sir altho I be willing to do all the guid I may to your sone, this last yeir hes redacted me to that esteat that I may do lytill or nothing to him. It war longsome to wryt to yow quhat stais was in the uniting your landis lyand within the paroch of Alderne to the kirk of Calder, onlie this I onderstand to be the main point that stais it, viz. the erecting of the chepell of Geddes in a parish kirk and it to be holden of the Deinrie, and your kirk holdis of the bischop. I hawe desyrit your sone to preoccupie the bischope in this, ye sall keip it verie secreit, and prevent it be all meins possibill, for if this go thorow, the Laird of Killravok will schuit for a tak of the teindis of your landis, at leist the patronage of that new kirk to counterpace the tak that ye hawe of his teindis. It war longsome to vryt quhat I could say in this, therfoir I rest and sall remain

your loving brother

C. CAMPBELL.

Clunes 5 Julie 1622.

He adds this postscript:—

Sir no man can better shaw my excuse for byding owt of Edinburgh than your self if yow pleas. I heir that ye mynd to put your sone to the college again. Sir the best leasone that he may leirne now is to govern a brokin esteat, and the schoner that sutch a capabill yowth leirnes it, he will be the moir perfyt of it.

On the 9th August 1622, a contract of marriage was executed at Edinburgh between John Campbell, the Thane's eldest son, and Elizabeth Urquhart, eldest lawful daughter of

Sir Thomas Urquhart of Cromarty. It is very lengthy, and it may be sufficient to offer the following abstract of its contents :—

The marriage to be solemnized before the 30th day of June next. The lady is to be infeft in the conjunct fee and liferent of the lands and barony of Arderseir, Wester and Easter Delnies, and in the four-plough lands of Meikle Geddes. Sir John to infeft his sone and the heirs-male of the marriage, in the whole barony and thanage of Calder, in the shire of Nairn, in the lands and barony of Kilmachronage (or Muckairn) in the Lordship of Lorn. [Islay, if meant to be included, is not specified.] Reserving however to Sir John the liferent of all the above lands, and the following wadsets granted by Sir John Campbell and by "umquhile" John Campbell his father, viz. on the lands of Balliknokan to Mr. Andrew Balfour, minister of Calder, for 400 merks; on the lands of Auchindoun and Achneim to James Campbell for 2500 merks; on Ririache and Easter Evan to William Campbell, brother of the said Sir John Campbell, for 2500 merks; on Inchgeddell to John [James ?] Campbell, brother to the commissar of Inverness, 750 merks; on the lands of Clunas to Colin Campbell, brother to Sir John, for 2500 merks; on the lands of Both to John Campbell, commissar of Inverness, for 2500 merks; on the lands of Beandachiris (Banchors) Meikle Cuilichane and Dales to Mr. James Grant for 3000 merks; on Little Beandacher to John M^{c} maskill for 800 merks; on Little Conlechane to Sweyne M^{c} lauchlane alias M^{c} queyne for 1000 merks; on Teirfogreine to William Rose for 152 merks; on Drynachane to John Cuthbert of Auldcastlehill for 600 merks; on Dunmaglass to Farquhar M^{c} allester of Dunmaglass, first for 1000 merks, with other 2000 merks "eikit thereto;" on the lands of Brechleis to Andrew Fraser, sheriff-clerk of Inverness, for 3000 merks; on Hiltown of Rait to John Calder, son to umquhile Thomas Calder in Clunes, for £1000; to John Tulloch in Nairn, of the precinct of the auld castell thair and the said Sir Johne his ludging in Nairne and rudis of land lyand within the territorie thairof, for 1300 merks; on the lands of Little Urchany and Little Budyet to James Mowat writer, for 2600 merks; on the lands of Castletown of Rait to David Hay of Fynesfield for 3000 merks; on the lands of Torrichies to James Camp-

bell (brother of the commissar of Inverness) for £1000; on Broomhill to Alexander Nicolsone for £1000; on the lands of Manurnane, Drumdalicht, Dalchat, the two Dalmenachis, Pollindanache, Dalcrumache, Brechlok, the lands of Auld Calder with the orchard thereof, the lands of Crumblane, Culcharie, with the mill of Calder, to the said Sir Thomas Urquhart of Cromarty knight, for 19,000 merks. It was further agreed that Sir John was to give a tack to his son of the lands and barony of Kilmachronage for three years in exchange for which tack, he (John the fiar) undertook the payment of 10,000 merks as tocher for his sister-german Jean Campbell, and that in full satisfaction of all that the said Jean can claim by Sir John's decease, or by decease of umquhile Dame Jean Campbell her mother. The said John also engaged, "to the effect that the rentis house and lewing of Calder may stand in full integritie, not to sell or wadset ony pairt or portioun thereof, nor grant pensions forth thereof nor set ony tacks thereof bot to husbandmen and tenentis laboreris of the ground, for payment of the auld dewteis thereof used and wont, until the said John be past the age of 25 years." Sir Thomas Urquhart, on the other hand, engages to pay, in name of tocher with his daughter the sum of 12,000 merks, 9000 merks whereof to be applied to redeem the wadset of Arderseir from Mr. Thomas Urquhart, minister at Arderseir. And further it is condescended that so long as the said John Campbell and his future spouse be entertained in household with Sir John or Sir Thomas, they are only to receive 1000 merks yearly from Arderseir, the balance of the rental to be devoted to the redemption of Mekill Geddes. The interests of the younger children are not forgotten in this voluminous contract. John Campbell, now in the fee of the estate, binds himself to pay to Colin Campbell, his immediate younger brother, the sum of 5000 merks, to Robert his third brother, 4000 merks, and to George and Duncan his lawful brothers, 6000 merks equally betwixt them.

On the same day, in terms of the Contract, Sir John Campbell granted a charter of the thanage and barony of Calder, in favour of his son John Campbell and Elizabeth Urquhart, his future spouse, in conjunct fee, reserving the liferent to himself, and seisin was taken thereon by John Campbell on 16th and 17th August.

On the 6th February 1623, a charter passed under the great seal in favour of John Campbell younger of Calder, and the heirs-male lawfully procreat bewixt him and Elizabeth Urquhart his spouse; whom failing to the other heirs-male of the said John Campbell, younger, lawfully procreat of his body; whom likewise failing, to the heirs-male lawfully procreat of Sir John's body; all whom failing, to the heirs and assignees whatsoever of the said Sir John, bearing the arms and surname of Campbell, of all and haill the lands of the thanage and barony of Calder, comprehending the baronies of Clunes and Boith in Nairnshire, the lands of Moy in the shire of Forres, Dunmaglass and Invermarkie in the shire of Inverness, the Sheriffship of Nairn, the lands and barony of Strathnairn, all as formerly united into one entire and free thanage, to be called the Thanage and Barony of Calder; together, also, with the lands of Geddes and Rait, the barony of Durris, &c. Reserving always to the said Sir John the liferent of all the above lands.

This charter also contains a clause of NOVODAMUS, and constitutes and creates a free BURGH OF BARONY within the said thanage of Calder, to be built by the said Sir John Campbell, or John Campbell, his son, upon any part of the said lands at their pleasure, to be endowed with all the privileges, immunities, and jurisdictions of a free burgh of barony, together with a weekly market on every Wednesday in the said burgh, and a free fair once in the year, to begin on the 15th day of July, and the fair and market to continue for eight whole days thereafter, with the privilege of collecting customs thereat, and again (*de novo*) uniting the whole of the above lands into the one entire and free thanage and barony of Calder.

In this charter we have a more particular description of Moy, a very ancient pendicle of the thanedom of Cawdor, which it may be worth while to give in full:—"The lands of Moy, comprehending Moy, Moykarse, Moyland and Threaply, orchard and orchard lands thereof, with the woods, and the salmon and other fishings in the sea, as well as in the waters of Findhorn and Findmonie, within the bounds of the said lands of Moy, with the privilege of common way or passage to the tenents and occupiers of the said lands, for the leading and transport of their fuel and elding, between the lands of

Moy and the peat-bog commonly called Logye's Moss of Rouchcars, of which right of roadway the tenants have been in possession beyond the memory of man, along with the privilege of the common muir lying on the south side of the said peat-bog, between the burn and the end of the wood of Lochloy on the West, and the 'Bus' at the head or beginning (*caput aut principium*) of Myldiswall and the lands of Kintessack on the East, the lands of Moorton, Dyke and Brody on the South, and the said peat-bog of Logyesmos and Rouchcars on the North, with free entry and exit to and from the said muir, all lying within our sheriffdom of Forres, and by annexation within the sheriffdom of Nairn."

Sir John seems to have resolved on selling Islay, or some of his lands in Argyle. The following letter is from the Edinburgh agent:—

RYCHT WORSCHIPFULL

The beirer is returnit from Court a monethe ago, the Merques hes writtin to me at great lenthe whiche yow shall sie at meiting, he writis, he is not in the world shall give yow moir nor he, and better payment and that he shall use your freindis and tenentis kyndlie, ife these landis fall in his handis, provyding you rat them at a competent rate and pryce and not out of misor, and hes thairfoir disyrit me to caus yow set doun the rentell, and pryce you will have therfoire, and gife the same to the Clerk-register that he may be advertised therof, and therefter you sall have squhair dealing and honest payment, therfoir adwyse that you may conclud at your heircuming. He is reddie anowghe to deill with you ife you be reasounable. The Lord Erskine send for me and shew me of your proceidingis and his anent Illa and disyris to imbrace the mater, bot I maid to misknowe all, and said I knew not your intentioun what yow myndit thairanent. I am informed that the erll of Mar and the Clandonald is great, and intendis ane course anent Illaye, which is the better for yow since the uther hes cassin thame of. You wald mak all the haist yow can for it standis only on your offer on a pryce, and that the rentell be equivalent therto. Your Lady is weill

and longis to be heir. Receave heirin closed a letter to you from hir. I rest

yours at all power
J. MOWAT.

Edinburgh 5 February 1623.

The following contract shows, in fresh observance, the tenure of "bowing," of which remnants and traces are still found in the North. Gilmorie the Bowman cannot write, and subscribes by a Notary.

At Innerary 11 Julii 1623 yeiris, it is contractit betuix Sir Johne Campbell of Calder knycht, with consent of John Campbell his eldest sonne fear therof on the ane pairt, and Gilmorie M^{c} donill V^{c} indor in Barragalzean on the uther pairt in maner subsequent. The said Gilmorie grants him to be compleitlie payit be the said Sir John Campbell of the pryce of 26 great ky, de quibus, 13 tydie ky, with a calf to ilk kow thairof, and 13 forrow ky, as also of the pryce of 12 thrie-yeir auld ky callit Crawnadair, 12 twa-yeir auld ky and 12 stirkis—quhairof the said Gilmorie haldis him weill content and payit. Thairfoir the said Gilmorie bindis him to delyuir to the said Sir Johne at the feist and terme of Beltan nixtocum 1624 yeiris the foirsaids ky, to the effect the samyn haill ky may be markit and burnt be the said Sir Johne his ordinar yrne, quherby he may know the same, and be delyuerit bak againe to the said Gilmorie in bowing and hirding upone the landis eftirspecifeit. For the better keiping of the quhilk ky the said Sir Johne settis in tack to the said Gilmorie, the four penny land of Barragalzean lyand in the barony of Kilmachronag for the space of nyne yeiris immediatlie following the feist of Beltan nixtocum. For the quhilkis caussis the said Gilmorie bindis him to pay yeirlie to the said Sir Johne, 12 great ky, quhilk salbe markit be the said Sir Johne his foirsaid yrne, the quhilkis the said Sir Johne salbe haldin to accept notwithstanding of aige or any uther fault, provyding the samyn faultis proceid not from the said Gilmorie his cairlesnes and not attendance upone the said ky; 16 gallounes gude and sufficient buttir or 20 shillings money for ilk quart thairof, and

30 stanes sufficient cheis with the ordinar wecht, usit be the said Sir Johne within the barony of Kilmachronag, 10 bollis gude and sufficient ferme aitt meill with ane boll multour meill, togidder with twa quartis buttir ane present weddir ane kayne weddir poultrie and eggis usit and wont. And the said Gilmorie salbe haldin to releiff the said Sir Johne, of the teyndis and majesties taxatiounes. Provyding neuirtheles that the twa pairt of the seruice of the saidis landis stenting and hoisting therof be nawayes urgit and exactit be the said Sir Johne of the said Gilmorie, but allanerlie the third part of the same. At the end ische and outrynning of the quhilk tak, quhilk wil be at Beltan 1633 yeiris, the said Gilmorie bindis him to refund and delyuir to the said Sir Johne, the lyk number of ky alsweill young as ald, as he receauis fra the said Sir Johne at his entrie—and to warrand uphold and mak furthcummand fra all los stalth traiking and all uther chancis efter the marking of the said ky, and to keip and hald ane sufficient bull yeirly to the said ky, &c. &c.

SIR J. CAMPBELL OF CALDER.
J. CAMPBELL FIAR OF CALDER CONSENTIS.

ACQUISITION OF BUDGATE.

Notwithstanding the embarrassments of the Thane of Cawdor, one of the first transactions in which John "the fiar" engaged, was the acquisition of the lands of Meikle Budgate, from William Dallas, whose family had possessed them from the 15th century. These lands formed part of the great lordship of Strathnairn, and the earliest writ of their progress now preserved at Cawdor, is a precept of sasine by Alexander Ogilby, Lord of Fynlater and Strathnairn in favour of Alexander Dolles, son and heir-apparent of William Dolles of Budzeit and Isabella Dunbar his spouse, in conjunct fee, of the lands of Milton, of Cantramore, and the quarter lands of Dolleskayllye (Dallaschyle), dated at Findlater 14 July 1525. We have next a precept of seisin by James Ogilby of Strathnarn, in favor of Alexander Dolles, son and heir-apparent of the late William Dolles of Boudweit, in the lands of Boudweit, Dolleschaylie, Milton, and Galcantray, all lying in the lordship of Strathnairn, dated in the year 1547.

On the 19th November 1574, Alexander Dalles of Budyeit, granted charter of liferent to his spouse Margaret Mackintosh, of the lands of Dolaschaillie.

On the 16th May 1590, Alexander Dolles of Budyet granted a charter to William Dolles, his son and heir-apparent, of the lands of Budyeitmoir, Newton, Dallaschyle, Nether and Over Galcantray, &c.

On the 6th May 1605, William Dallace of Budyeit, granted a charter to William Dallace, his son and heir-apparent (procreated between him and the late Margaret Dunbar his sometime spouse), and to the heirs-male of his body, whom failing to his heirs-male bearing the surname and arms of Dallace, of the town and lands of Mekill Budzet, Dollascheill, Eastern and Western Galchantray, reserving however the usufruct or frank tenement thereof to himself.

Finally, at Budgate on the 4th November 1623, William Dallas of Budzet, in fulfilment of a contract between him and John Campbell fiar of Calder, resigned and renounced in favour of the said John Campbell, the whole lands of Budzeitmoir, &c., and that for the sum of 10,000 merks paid to him by the said John Campbell, fiar of Calder, "so that baith propertie and superioritie is now consolidat in the persoun of the said John Campbell."

[From J. Mowat.]

Richt worschipfull

As I wes coming from Fawsyde yisternicht being Teusday about sex houris at nicht I met withe Patrick Mowat returnit from England at Sowtray, who told me that your Lady thinkis long to be at home, and yet doutis that yow disyre, becaus ye wer so long in ansering her letter sent to yow in December last, and so imputis the falt other to the delyvereris therof or to yow who did not anser it. Indeid it wes a falt that ye did not wryt ane excus of your not sending for hir befor the tyme ye writt now, alwayis I heir hir mother blames me as ife I sould not have delyverit your letter to hir, bot I will not make her apologie whider I did or not, bot yow knawe the contraire. Your Lady hes writtin to yow, whiche letter resave heirin cloisit. She hes disyrit me to come in haist to hir, theirfoir dispache Archibald and I shall be reddie to tak jorney, let him come to Fawside ife I be not heir becaus I will be that far on the waye. I thinke I wold have none of hir freindis to come to Scotland for saving of charges, becaus Archibald I and my man wilbe sufficient to convoy hir. I stand in neid of

a horse for my selfe bot shall furneis one for my man, so consider and send as ye think may do hir turne heir, and quhat restis it sall be your awne. Sir it will be xv. dayis befor we be upe and downe withe her, therfoir I thinke ye may tak a start to do your turnis in Illa or Lorne, and that so muche the mair, becaus Patrick shew me that shee sweir not to go out of Edr. this wonter, and it wer weill done to provyd your selfe on all hazardis to give hir content in a litill not to prejudge your selfe. And within xv. dayis efter your derecting Archibald heir yow m. may be about Edr. or Stirling, and befoir we come within tua dayis jorney to Kelso I shall send George to yow to adwerteis yow what day ye shall meit at Kelso. So to your anser in haist I rest

youris at power
J. MOWAT.

Edr. this Wedinsday at 11 houris befoir none 1623.

On the 22d November 1623, we have another letter from the same correspondent:—

I hard no more from your Lady, since I resavit your former letteris, bot I mynd to wryt to my wyfis brother and withe all shall wryt to hir, and as I resave anser shall mak your w. adwerteised. I protest I understand not hir meaning that wrytis ane tyme shee will come home and ane uther tyme shee will not, bot come when shee will I pray God it be to his glory and your weill. Thair is no newis bot that the prince is come saiflie unmareit, nather is ther word of the mariage. Buckinghame is in a court as yet, &c. &c.

Jean Campbell, sister of John Campbell, fiar of Calder, was married to Alexander Dunbar of Westgrange, by contract-matrimonial dated at Calder 11th March 1624. Her tocher was 8000 merks, for which Sir Thomas Urquhart of Cromarty was cautioner.

The following list of Temple lands, the possessions of the Knights of St. John in the North, may not be unacceptable. It is extracted from a disposition by James, Lord of Torpichen, and Mr. Robert Williamson of Muristown, in favour of Mr. Thomas Rollock, Advocate.

All and haill our Temple lands called Bogschang Padockburne and Bogbayne, sometime possessed by Alexander M^{c} cay and his predecessors; all and haill our Temple lands of Arderseir lying in the barony of Arderseir possessed by Alexander M^{c} cay; our temple lands of Overcruik and Overbank lying in the said barony of Arderseir, at that part thereof called Dalyairds, betwixt the said Dalyairds and the lands of Conage and the sea on the one and other parts, possessed by Alexander M^{c} cay, all lying in the diocese of Ross and Sheriffdom of Inverness;—that temple land called the Temple croft sometime possessed by Martin Davidson and his subtenants lying in the town of Rosmarkie;—that temple tenement of biggit land with the yard thereof, lying in the town of Inverness, on the north side of the hie gaitt, betwixt the tenement of John Cuthbert on the east, the vennel or street leading to the kirk of Inverness on the west, the high street on the south, and the yard and back house pertaining to the said John Cuthbert on the north, possessed by Alexander Cuthbert and his subtenants;—another temple land and tenement lying in the said burgh upon the south side of the gait, betwixt the lands pertaining to
on the east, the passage or vennel that leads to the castle on the west, the kingis hie streit on the north, and the back land pertaining to
on the south, possessed by Alexander Bayne and his subtenants;—another temple tenement of biggit land with yard and pertinents lying in the territory of the burgh of Inverness, outwith the eist port thereof, possessed by Finlay M^{c} faill;—those two roods of arable land lying within the territory of the burgh of Nairn in that part thereof called
possessed by John Rose burgess of Nairn and his subtenants;—those two roods of arable temple land and house lying within the said territory of Nairn, possessed by Hew Rose of Kilravock and his subtenants;—all and haill those our temple lands called the lands of Putfundie lying in the

said Sheriffdom of Nairn, betwixt the strype that comes from the lands of Brodie on the east, the fludder or myre upon the south side of the common muir callit the Harmuir on the south, the lands of Penick and wood of Lochloy on the west, and the Ruchcarse of Culbyn on the north, for the most part possessed by the lairds of Brodie, and their subtenants ;—that piece of temple land called lying in the Sheriffdom of Inverness, betwixt the burn of the Borland on the south, the lands of Holme on the north, the water of Ness on the west, and the lands pertaining to the Marquis of Huntly on the east, together also with the privilege of free regality within the bounds foresaid. This disposition is dated at Edinburgh 26 December 1611.

The temple lands of Arderseir would appear to have been divided among various portioners. A brief abstract of their progress, so far as can be ascertained from the family charters, is here subjoined.

At Inverness, on the 28th July 1552, James Chene "balivus templarius" by commission from James Lord St. John, Preceptor of Torphichen, granted a precept of *clare constat*, in favour of David Davitson, as heir of his mother Cristina Tempilman, in the third part of the temple lands of Arderseir. On the 5th April 1565, David Davidson granted a charter to his son Alexander Davidson and Cristina V^{c} cha *alias* Tempilman his spouse, of the third part of the temple land of Arderseir, reserving however the liferent to himself—which charter was confirmed by James Sandelands Lord St. John and Torphichen on the 6th May following.

On the same day (6 May 1565) James Sandelands Lord St. John and Torphichen confirmed a charter granted by Cristina V^{c} cha *alias* Tempilman, daughter and heir of the late Annibill Tempilman, one of the portioners of the temple lands of Arderseir, in favour of Alexander Davidson her spouse, son of David Davidson also a portioner of the temple lands of Arderseir.

Another portion of the temple lands of Arderseir was possessed by Mackays. By a charter without date, but duly subscribed by the granter, and bearing his seal, between the years 1550 and 1560, James Sandelands Lord of Torphichen, confirmed Alexander Mackay in the temple lands called Templecruik and Bogschangand, as it plainly appeared from the

register of the Knights of St. John, that his grandfather, the late Alexander Mackay in Arthurseir and his ancestors were successively infeft in the same, although the original charters were lost.

Alexander Mackay in Over Arthurseir on the 30th April 1587, granted a charter to John Mackay his son and heir-apparent of the Tempill land, Tempill cruik, and Temple bank.

The following abridged Charter forms another step of this progress. The *locus trialis* must have been the ancient place of trial by battle:—

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris Alexander M^{c} cay in Ardrosseir salutem. Noueritis me dedisse meo filio et apparenti heredii Johanni M^{c}cay et heredibus suis totam et integram terram meam templariam de Ardrosseir cum croftis pastura jacentem in villa de Ardrosseir per omnes rectas metas viz. incipiendo ad magnam metam antiquam juxta locum trialis versus boream et juxta fossam verus petagiam ad austrum, in quarum medio petransit via communis, et lie Tempilbank merchiatur et extendit in longitudine super communem viam de Flemingtoun ad boream usque ad metam lapideam ad austrum, extendendo in latitudine super le Howburne ad orientem et usque ad merchiam diuisam lapideam ad occidentem, et lie Tempilcruik extendit in latitudine super torrentem de Conniche ex occidentali parte et usque ad moram ex orientali parti, una cum communi pastura dictarum terrarum templariarum, &c. apud Narne 4 Julii 1601.

In a Charter of 23d June 1602, by Lord Torphichen, the lands of Templecruik and Bogschangand are thus bounded:—

Boundand with ane lang myre on the Sowth, and fra thyne passand sowthwest fra the lang myre to ane gray stane lyand in the gait, and fra the said stane to the round hillock at the west, and fra the said round

hillock to ane uther gray stane ledand to the north, and fra that gray stane to the burne that lyis at the north, and extendis betuix the landis of Rodrie and the landis of Bogschangand, and the hie kingis gaitt that leidis to Rodrie merchand at the eist.

John Mackay was served heir to his father, Alexander Mackay, in the above temple lands, on the 30th July 1619.

At Arderseir, on the 26th April 1626, John Mackai and Andrew Mackai granted procuratory for resigning their temple lands of Arderseir in the hands of Thomas, Earl of Melrose, in favour of, and for new infeftment to be given to Sir John Campbell of Calder in frank tenement, and to John Campbell his son, and Elizabeth Urquhart his spouse, and their heirs in fee.

Charter thereof was accordingly granted by Thomas, Earl of Melrose, in favour of Sir John Campbell on the 3d August 1626.

On 28 July 1626 the lordis of secreit counsell gives and grants full power and commissioune to Sir Donald M^c^ donald of Slait, Hector M^c^ claine of Dowart, Johne M^c^ cloud of Hereis, Sir Lauchlene M^c^ kynnon of Strathardaill, Johne Campbell appeirand of Caddel M^c^ claine of Coill. Hector M^c^ claine of Lochbuy everie ane of thame within thair awne boundis, to passe searche seeke and take all and sundry Jesuits whilk it sall happin to resort and repair in thair bounds, and to present and exhibite thame before his Majesteis counsell, with power to thame to make opin dores and to use his Majesteis keys.

On the same day there is an order of Council more nearly concerning Cawdor :—

Forsamekle as Mr. William Campbell brother to Sir Johne Campbell of Caddell ane obdurit obstinat papist hauntis and frequentis within the bounds of Ila, and by reasoning and otherwayes corrupts the ignorant inhabitants of the said bounds both in thair religioun and alledgeance to his

Majestie ; thairfoir the lords of secreit counsell ordains Johne Campbell appearand of Caddell who wes personallie present, and who now hes the charge and commandement of the said yle, to bring and exhibit the said Mr. William before the saidis lordis upon the first counsell day of November nixtocum, and failyeing thairof that he putt and hold the said Mr. Williame out of the ile.

ARTICKLES condescended unto by the RIGHT HONORABLE the ERLE of ANTRIM concernying the bargane of the ille of Ilay in Scotland at Dunluce 16 September 1627.

Imprimis, befoir he yeeld to bind up anie bargane for Ilay, he wilbe assured to be accepted the kingis tenent to the same, with favor, and to that effect it is his Lordships desier that immediatlie with all convenient speed, after adveyseing with the lairdes of Calder both ould and young, and also with Sir Thomas Urquhart of Cromartie knicht; one to be directed from each partie to court to procure the kingis will and pleasure therin, betwixt this, and the fyfteen day of February next.

Item the kingis will being obteaned, the said Erle of Antrim is to appoynt a place of meetting betwixt his honor and the saidis lairdis and Sir Thomas of Cromartie upon the fyfteen day of Apryle for the ending of the said bargane.

Item his lordshipp is willing to give for the purchase of the said ille to the saidis lairdis of Calder, the kingis consent being obteaned as aforesaid, fyve thousand pound sterling, whereof two thowsand and fyve hundred pundis to be peyed within fourtie dayes after the bargane is concluded, and the rest at such reasonable termes as at meetting they may condiscend unto, the said earle finding sufficient sureties in Scotland (the interest on money so long as unpaid to be at the rate of ten per cent.)

Item the said Erle of Antrim is willing to refer the peyment of another thowsand pound sterling over and above the said 5000 lib. to the arbitrament and awaird of Sir John Campbell of Calder, Sir Tho. Urquhart of Cromertie, and if the lands of Ilay in ther oppinion agrieing in one voice

to be more worth than £600 sterling per annum of frie rent, ouer and aboue the kingis rent and church rent, then the payment of the seventh thowsand poundis is reffered to the said Sir Jo. and Sir Tho. and Patr. Duff, &c.

Sir John Campbell to his son Colin.

Sone

Be cairful to urge the ending of Coll his bissines, for I am nowayis changed in ony thing I intended for you in that bissines, for iff my payment from Coll come in ky, you shall haue of them fyftie, and if it come in monie you shall haue ane thowsand markis, but to appoint a recepte whill I knoe what is to be receaued I will not. As for doges when I haue provided my self you shall be nixt serued, but I must first provyd for my self becaus I have none and can not want in thir feildis. Not hauing farther for the present, till new occasion I rest,

your loueing father
S. J. Campbell of Calder.

Calder the xijth off May 1628.
To my loueing sone Coline Campbell of Kilchoman. ✓

Charles R.

Charles, &c. Forsamekill as it is understand to the lords of our priue counsell that Duncane M^{c} intagart in hes been this long tyme bygane suspect and delate guiltie as an commoun and notorious theiff, lykeas in the moneth of Februarie last he wes apprehendit be Johne Campbell appeirand of Caddell with ane fang of some stollen hydis of some sheepe and oxin, whilk he confessed that he had stollin frome Nauchtane M^{c} keith in Kyllinane, lykas he confest that he had stollin ane kow from Donald O'Dochartie, and for this caus he wes commited to waird within our castell

of Duneyvaig, bot he being conscious of his guiltinesse, brake the said waird and escaped, whairupone the said John Campbell caused make diligent searche, and at last hes tane and apprehendit him, and committed him to waird within oure said castell of Dunnyveg, where he now remanes. Upoun whom necessar it is thairfoir that justice be ministrat, for whilk purpose we haue made our louit Coline Campbell of Kilquhomen barroun bailie of Ila our justice in that pairt, the said Duncane Mᶜ intagart to call to dittay to accuse, and cause justice be minstrat upoun him. Gevin under our signet at Halyrudhous 16 Junii, and of our reigne the fyft yeere 1629.

Mar.	Perthe.
Hadinton.	Naper.
Linlithgow.	A. Arskyne.

Be it kend till all men, me Archibald Lord Lorn heretabill justice of Argyle and Tarbert, and of all the ylles of Scotland, forsamekill as I am crediblie informeit that Neill Mak ean dowie Vᶜ duffie Mak finla Vᶜ illichallome and Murdoch Mak phaill wer latlie apprehendeit within the yle of Yla for theyft and uther crymes, and becaus it is most conveinent that they be put to ane tryall ther quhair they may have ane assyis of thair awne countrymen, thairfore and out of the respect I have to purge the cuntrey of malefactoris, witt ye me to have gevin and granted full power and commissione to Johne Campbell fear of Calder and in his absence Coline Campbell his brother germane, to fens hold and continue justice courtis within the said yle of Yla, when and quhair he shall think most expedient, to put thame to the tryell of ane assyis, and as they be fundin guyltie or innocent to condemne or clenge thame, and to this effect makis and constitutis the said John and Colin my justices deput in that pairt. At Inverraray 17 Apryle 1630 yeiris, befoir thir witness Mr. Robert Barclay my servitor.

Lorne.

On 29th May 1631, John Campbell of Cawdor had petitioned the Secret Council, setting forth

That the late king had recommended the casting down of the House of Dunyveg to the said supplicants father, who being than bot newlie enterit in the ile, and the yle not weele plenished with civile people of his awne freindschip and having no sure place of residence within the yle bot the hous foirsaid, he wes thairfore and upoun mony other interveining occasionis withholdin from downe casting of that hous. And now the right of that illand being established in the said supplicantis persone by dispositioun maid to him by his said father, and the supplicant haueing peopled the said ylland with a nomber of his awne freindis, so as he thinkis himselfe able aneugh to withstand and resist ony new assault that sall be intendit aganis him so long as he remaynis within the ylland; and quhairas the necessitie of his adois doeth ofttymes invite him to the lowlandis, he is in continuall feare of some new surpryse of the said hous, as wes practised this last summer when he wes attending his actionis before the lordis of sessioun, at whilk tyme a nomber of thir disordourlie theeves and lymmaris of the yles gaif ane fearefull assault to his said hous, and if the care and diligence of his servandis had not prevented and disappoyntit thair treassonable designe, by geving unto thame a feirce and couragious repulse, they had not failled to haif tane in the hous of new and so haif interteyned ane new commotioun and rebellioun in these pairts; and althogh the hous be the said supplicants awne, and that he may do thairwith as he sall think fittest for the peace and suretie of the cuntrie, yitt being loathe to enter in a matter of that kynd without his Majesties approbatioun and allowance, he purchast his Majesties letter directit to the saidis lordis recommending to there consideratioun what course is fittest to be tane with the said hous and to do thairin accordinglie, as the said letter bearis. And whairas he hes now intendit to build a more commodious hous for his awne duelling and in a more proper pairt of the yle, and seing the hoip of surprysing of that hous furnisches ever new matter to the rebellis of the ylland to enter in new practiss for disturbance of the ylland, humblie desireing thairfore the saidis lordis to give unto the said supplicant thair warrand for demolisching

and casting downe of the said hous, like as at mair lenth is contenit in the said supplicatioun, quhilk being red hard and considderit be the said lordis and they considdering that the surprysing and taking in of the said hous as formerlie it hes bene, will procure ane grete trouble to the cuntrey, thairfore the saidis lordis after goode advise and deliberatioun hes thoght it more meitt that the said hous be demolisched and castin downe nor suffered to stand to furnische new matter to the rebellis of the iles to enter in new practiss for surprysing of the same, and thairfore gevis and grantis full power warrand and commissioun to the said Johne Campbell of Caddell to demolisce and cast downe the said hous to the ground, so as it serue not theirefter for a beild ressett or starting holl to the rebellis of the ylles.

Extractum de libris actorum secreti consilii, &c.

JACOBUS PRYMROIS.

APUD HALYRUDHOUS SEPTIMO DIE MENSIS JULII 1631.

The quhilk day in presence of the lords of secret counsell compeired personallie Francis Dowglas brother to the Earle of Angus and for obedience of his act, whereby he wes obleist for exhibition of William Campbell, exhibit before the saidis lords the said William, who being examined upon the breaking up of the doores of the hous of Caddell, after that the same wes seazed upon to his Majesties use, deponed that the said Francis being donator to Caddells gift of escheit, and finding that the bridge by storme of weather being brokin doun had lykewayes brokin doune Caddells yet, the said William thairupon in his maisteris right mendit the bridge and caused make ane new key to the utter yet, for the quhilk his contempt the saidis Lordis ordanis him to be committed to warde within the tolbuith of Edinburgh thairin to remaine till he be releived, and the saidis lordis declaire that dureing his imprisonment he sall be free of all arrestmentis and sall not be deteined for anie other caus.

The quhilk day Sir James Douglas brother to the Earle of Angus became actit and obleist as caution and souertie for Francis Douglas his brother that the said Francis sall not medle with the hous of Caddell nor take possession

thairof till he recover decreit thairanent before the judge ordinar, under the paine of ane thousand merkis, lykeas the said Francis producit the key of the utter yet, quhilk was given up to the threasurer depute.

Extract. de libris actorum, &c.

JACOBUS PRYMROIS.

At the castell of Douglas and Ardkheithe the 29 and 9 day of December and January 1631-32 yeires it is contractit betuixt Francis Douglas of Sandilandis donator and haveing be gift of our souerane lord the escheit and lyfrent of the richt honourable Sir Johne Campbell of Calder, with consent of Johne Campbell fear of Calder on the ane pairt and Sir Donald Campbell off Ardnamurchan knicht baronett and Colin Campbell of Clunes on the tother pairt in maner following. The said Francis as donatour forsaid settis in tak to the saidis Sir Donald and Colin Campbellis conjunctlie and severallie and to thair subtenentis and helpes yeaman men allennarlie secluding all utheris, all and haill the auld and new maynes of Calder with the park and mylne therof moulteris and sequellis of the samen, togidder with the dry moulteris of the landis of Achnyme and Rowieriach and Meikle Geddes with the salmond fisching upon the burne or water of Calder, reserveand alwayes the place of Calder with the yairdis and haill precinct within the dykis therof, except the corne yaird and barnes, togidder with that aiker of land callit the gairdneris aiker, and twa aikeris sett to David Duff, and als aikeris sett to Alexander Nicolsone the gunnesmyth, reservand lykwayes that pendicle of the said maynes callit Balleknokan, quhilkis ar nowayes includit within this present tak, all lyand within the parochin of Barevan, and that for the space of fyve yeiris immediatlie following the saidis Sir Donald and Colin thair entrie thairto, with power to the saids Sir Donald and Colline to cut and transport sick number and quantitie of the tries and timber growand upon the ground of the saidis landis as salbe sufficient and necessarie for building beitting and repairing of the houssis alreddie biggit. For the quhilk caus, the saidis Sir Donald and Colin obleiss them to pay to the said Francis, the soume of 2000 merkis yeirlie, &c. befor thir witness Alexander Guthrie of Kincaldrum Alexander Guthrie of Gagie, Patrick Dicksone servitor to the earle of Angus and

Gilbert Lithgow noter in Douglas, Ewane oig Mᶜ phaill mediciner and servitor to the said Sir Donald and Mr. Duncan Mᶜ calman minister at Lismoir, &c.

Bond with Colin Campbell.

At Kilvorow 29 Marche 1633 yeires, it is contractit and finalie agreit betuixt the richt honourable Johne Campbell fear of Calder on the ane pairt and Coline Campbell brother germane to the said John Campbell on the uther pairt as efter followis. That is to say, for the loue and fauor quhilk ilkane of the saidis parteis carry to utheris and for thair cair of the weill and standing of the hous of Calder querof they ar descendit, and for certane utheris onerous caussis moving thame, thairfor the said Colin Campbell bindis him in the maist sure and strait forme of obligatioun nevir heirefter in all tyme cuming directlie nor indirectlie to oppone himself aganis the said Johne Campbell fear of Calder and his aires maill lawfullie procreat, and sall assist the said Johne Campbell and his foirsaidis in all thair lawfull actionis and deidis to the uttermost of the said Colin his powar aganis all persounis that sall happin to oppone thameselffis to the weill of the said John Campbell and weill and standing of his hous, and forsamekle as Sir Donald Campbell of Ardnamurchan knicht baronet naturall uncle to the saidis parties and Colin Campbell of Clunes thair lawfull uncle hes not as yitt lawfull aires male gottin of thair bodies, thairfoir the said Colin Campbell bindis him and his aires in all tyme heirefter not to conqueis nor acquire any richt infeftment taillzie, or any uther richt or title quhatsumeuer aither in the persone of him or his aires, nor in the persone of any utheris to his behuif, of all and sundry landis heretagis quhilkis pertenis presentlie or that sall happin to pertene heirefter to the saidis Sir Donald Campbell of Ardnamurchan and Colin Campbell of Clunes or tailyeit be aither of them to utheris be quhatsumevir richt or dispositioun. And in cais it sall happin the said Colin Campbell to conqueis acquire and obtaine aither in his awin name or in name of his aires, any richt tailyie of the lands and utheris abonewritten pertening or that sall happin to pertene to the saids Sir Donald Campbell of Ardnamurchan and Colin Campbell of Clunes, in that

cais the said Colin Campbell and his airis, and the persone or personis in quhois name the saidis rychtis salbe grantit, salbe bund to resigne renunce quyteclame and dispone the landis and utheris foirsaidis to be conqueist and acquirit, to and in speciall fauoris of the said John Campbell his aires and assignayes in moist sure and lawfull maner that can be devysit, and that without payment of any sowmes of money or gud deed thairfoir. The said John Campbell and his foirsaidis being alwayes obleist efter the said Colin and his foirsaidis thair resignatioun and dispositioun in maner foirsaid to dispone to the said Colin Campbell his brother germane and to the aires maile lawfullie to be procreat of his bodie, quhilkis failyeing to returne to the said John Campbell, the iust and equall thrid pairt of all landis and heretagis that salbe acquirit be him in maner abonespecifeit, to be halden of the said John Campbell and his aires male in fewferme for payment yeirlie to the said John Cambbell and his foirsaidis of ane merk money for every merk land that salbe disponit to the said Colin and his foirsaidis. And sicklyk in cais it sall happin the said John Campbell fear of Calder to acquir any landis as narrest and lawful air male or air of tailyie to the said Colin Campbell of Clunes, or to the said Sir Donald Campbell of Ardnamurchan his uncles, and that without any actioun or proces of law, than and in that cais the said John Campbell bindis him to dispone and resigne to and in fauoris of the said Colin his brother germane and his aires, the just and equall fyft pairt of the saidis landis sua to be acquirit be the said John as air to his saidis uncles. And becaus the fyve merk land of Craigan Cultie and Bealtiche [were] disponit be the laird of Calder to the said Sir Donald Campbell, than namit Mr. Donald Campbell, under provisioun of tailyie in cais of defect of aires male, thairfore the samen landis are altogidder reseruit and except furth of this present contract, and the said John Campbell sall nawayes be astrictit to dispone ony pairt thairof to the said Colin nor his foirsaidis, · · · befoir thir witness George Campbell brother germane to the said John Campbell fear of Calder, William Campbell eldest lawful sone to James Campbell of Achindown, Donald Campbell seruitor to the said John Campbell, &c.

J. CAMPBELL fier of Calder.
COLIN CAMPBELL. &c.

[Decreet against Sir John Campbell.]

At Edinburgh 23 Januar 1635 yeiris anent the summondis raisit at the instance of Johne Campbell fear of Calder, againis Sir Johne Campbell of Calder. Trew it is that the said persewar hes given ane lyfrent tak and richt to the said Sir Johne Campbell his father of the maynes of Calder castell tower fortalice yairdis orchardis, and throw his negligence, and be the negligence of Francis Douglas donator to his escheit of lyfrent, the castell tower and maner place of Calder with the housis and biggingis ar decayit and altogidder deteriorat and in waist cais continuallie sen the said Sir Johne his richt maid to him, in suafar as the said tour fortalice war than windticht and waterticht sufficiently sklaittit and ruiffit with timber and sklait, furnischit with dores lokis windowis timber and glas, and the dykis and hedgis of the said yairdis orchardis parkis and woodis thairof sufficientlie reparit and uphaldin; quhairas now be thair negligence and default, the sklaittis ar fallin off the timber, the ruiff rottit, the glas timber windowis and doeris fallen downe, the hedgis and dykis foirsaidis all uterlie decayit and fallen doune to the grund without any kind of helping or reparatioun of the same in sik sort as the same cannot be repairit and put in the first estait without great chargis, quhilk will amount at leist to the soume of 10,000 merkis money, and thairfoir the said Sir Johne aught and suld be decernit to pay to the said persewar the foirsaid soume, and suld be decernit, to big beitt mend repair and uphald the said castell tower houssis bigginis &c. in the samyne estait as they wer the tyme abone speceifeit,—decreit granted in terms of the libel.

The following document shows the manner in which the great island was made to yield its rent. There is a long succession of such contracts; and it appears that from Islay and Muckairn two immense droves of cattle were collected and despatched annually to the south country, usually known as the first and the second droves. In 1670, there is a roll of the cattle contributed by each tenant, with the value attached to each.

[Sale of Isla cattle.]

At Inueraray 13 October 1635 it is contractit betuixt John Campbell

fear of Calder and Patrick Gaile M^c^ farlane merchand burges of Glasgow. The said Patrick bindis him to pay to the said John Campbell, the soume of £2000 Scottis, betwixt and the 19 November nixtocum. For the quhilk caus the said Johne Campbell oblisis him to delyver unto the said Patrick the number of nyne scoir thrie oxen and ky, att the castell of Craignes, and that upon the said Johne Campbell his awin proper danger and expensis allanerly betwixt and the first day of August nixtocum, off the quhilkis oxin and ky thair is sex scoir thrie oxin four-yeir auld and bygane at the tyme of the delyuerie, with thrie scoir sufficient slauchter mairt ky, the youngest being past the aige of foure yeiris, and the said Johne Campbell to pay £14 for everie ane of the saidis oxin undelyverit, and the sowme of 23 merkis for everie ane of the saidis mairtes undelyverit. Prouyding alwayes the said Patrick ayther cum or send to the landis of Yla for to tak delyverie of the samyn, and that befoir the transportatioun therof to the castell of Craigneis, &c.

[Gift of escheit of Sir J. Campbell.]

The endorsation bears that the gift was really for behoof of John the fear of Cawdor.

Charles &c. Wit ye us to haue given grantit and disponeit to our louit Mr. George Norvell seruitour to our trustie and familiar counsalour Sir Thomas Hope of Craighall our aduocat, the escheit of all and syndrie guidis moveabell and immouabell debtis takes steidingis soums of money jewalrie siluer cunyeit and uncunyeit cornes cattell insicht plenishing and utheris guidis and geir quhatsumeuir, quhilkis pertenit of before to Sir Johnne Campbell of Calder knicht the tyme of his denunciatioun eftirmentionat; now perteining to us in our handis and at our gift be reassone of escheat, throughe being of the said Sir Johne Campbell upon the 9 day of December 1631 yeiris ordourlie denuncit our rebell and put to our horne be vertew of our utheris lettres of horneing raisit againis him at the instance of Williame Schorteous seruitour to our derrest sister the Queine of Boheme and Thomas Dryisdaill induellar in Leithe hir factor, for not payment making to thame

of the soume of 600 merkis, contained in the said band granted to thame thairupone be the said Sir Johne Campbell of the date 4 December 1627 yeiris. And in lykmaner he was denunceit our rebell at the instance of ane reverend father in God Johne bischope of Murray for not entering of the said Sir Johne his persoun in waird and not conformeing him self to the discipline of the churche: Or throw being of the said Sir Johnie denuncit a rebell be vertew of our utheris letteris useit and execute aganis him at the instance of any of the ministrie within ony presbiterie or dyocie within this our kingdome for not compeiring before anie heiche commissioun of the kirk at ony of thair meittingis, for professing paprie, baptizeing of his childrene with preistis or keiping bak his childrene from the sacrament of baptisme be the ministrie and absenting him self from the communioun;—throughe quhilks hornings and excommunicatiounes, the said Sir John Campbell hes amitted lost and tint his escheit and lyfrent of all landes, lykeas we haue given and grantit to the said Mr. George Norvell the lyfrent escheat of the said Sir Johne Campbell, &c. Gevin under our previe seill at Edinburghe 23 Januar 1636 yeires.

[Commission of Justiciary in Isla.]

Be it kend us Archibald Lord Lorne heretabill justice generall of Argyle and of the Iles, forsamekill as we are crediblie informeit of the many theyftis pyikeries and otheris crymes committit within the ile of Ila, and that Gillepatrik M^{c} morane in Saligo, Neill oig M^{c} ean V^{c} gillespick in Ballenave, Neill M^{c} illemoyll in Corspellane and Neill Dow M^{c} gillemartine in Braghauch are apprehendit for certain theyftis, and we being most willing and cairfull for the commone weill of the country that such limmeris and malefactoris be punischit and takine order with, thairfoir wit ye us to haue givine full powar and commissione to our traist coosen Johnne Campbell fier of Calder to fens affixe hold and continow justice courtis within any pairt of the ile of Ila quhar he shall think expedient, and to caus put the saidis malefactoris everie ane of them to the tryellis of assyise, and generallie all uther thingis to use and exerce anent the premissis in the samen

manner as we micht doe therin our selffes. In witnes quhairof we haue subscribit ther presentis at Innerarey 21 May 1636 yeiris befoir ther witness Sir Donald Campbell of Ardnamurchane knycht baronett, &c.

LORNE.
SIR D. CA. ARDNAMORCHYN.

[SALE OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS BY SIR JOHN TO THE TUTOR.]

Be it kend till all men, me Sir John Campbell of Calder to haue receavit fra Colin Campbell my secund lawfull sone the soume of 500 merkis, for the quhilk soume I hawe sold and disponit unto the said Colin all and sundrie my mowabill guidis timmer warke and other plenisching within the howse of Calder for the present belonging to the said Sir John, the inventorie quherof heirefter followis. Item imprimis on the towir heid ane bell, twa keil pettoris of brace with fywe bressin hagebuttis of fownd, four irron hagbuttis of fownd, nyne muskettis, ane keill bell abowe the yet. Item within the laiche bake chalmer ane vaneskot bed, in the inner new wark ane cheire, ane vaneskat bed, ane lange seddill of fir, ane stand bed of fir with tua kunteris, in the utter new warke ane · · · fowir · · · with ane · · · of lanceis threttie fowir, in the chalmer of deice ane stand bede of aike, with ane laiche bed and tua pressis, in the littill loft tua stand bedis, in the inner heiche warke ane karved bed of vanet trie, ane kannal bed of fir with ane tafill, within the littil turnepyke in the heiche chalmer, ane old bed with ane langeseddill, in the greit towir, in the ledener tua girneleis, a beife fat with ane salting troche. In the chalmer of towir ane vanescot bed, ane timber tafill, in the vardrope ane presse, ane kist, in the meikill volt ane fir bed. In the baike howse ane bowird with ane knedding troch, in the brewhowse the brewe lemeis, leid and loftis, ane greit geill fatt. Item in the leache bake chalmer ane kraddill of glasce: quhilkis mowabilis and otheris abowe specifeit I the said Sir John delyveris unto the said Colin, and bindis me to warrand this my present dispositioun at the hands of John Campbell fier of Calder, Francis Dowglas brother german to the richt potent Marcus the Markus of Douglas, Mr. George Norwell donatoris to the gift of escheitt and lyfrent of me the said Sir John. Sub-

scriuit with my hand, vryttin be William Dollas of Budyet, at Calder 13 Junii 1636 yeiris, befoir thir vitness Mr. James Campbell of Moy, Mr. Gilbert Andersone minister at Calder, Ewene M^{c} lachlane in Newtoun of Calder, &c. &c.

Between 1627 and 1636, Sir John Campbell had married a second wife, Dame Elizabeth Douglas, daughter of William, Earl of Angus, and whose brother was created first Marquis of Douglas. She seems to have had a "maintenance" for herself and her children of 4000 merks yearly. She was dead in 1640.

The following letter is from Sir Donald Campbell of Ardnamurchan, Baronet, to Colin, afterwards styled of Arderseyr, the Thane's second son :—

LOWING NEPHEWE

As for that point of your letter quhair ye durst not reveill your self to my brother Colene, ye neid not truble with it, for by the grace of God I sall do my best to provyd for it. It is moir to be feirit that your brother do yow and the haill hous wrong: he hes tane ane deadlie disease laitlie and sent for Duncan O'conchor to Illa. And in his disease the Lord of Lorne hes eirnestlie writtin for him, and he past to Edr. but delay, and his doctor of medicin hes followit him. Considder of this as ye think gud, sua to the nixt occasioun, *vale.*

I beseik yow to be cairfull of M^{c} intosche and commend me to him; for I wald be glad to heir a course layit for his standing, and lykwayis wald be glad to know of it.

yours to be commandit
S. D. C. of Ardnamorchin.

2 Merche 1637.

To my belouit nephew Colein Campbell of Galcantray.

At Kilchoman in Islay, 1st January 1639, John Campbell, younger of Calder, granted a disposition in favour of Colin Campbell, his eldest son and

heir apparent, and the heirs-male begotten of his body; whom failing, to himself and his heirs-male and assignees whomsoever, of the whole lands and thanage of Calder, reserving the liferent to himself.

Confirmed by charter under the great seal, dated 22d January 1639.

This is the first mention we have of Colin, the son of John Campbell. There are some scanty notices of him in the Tutor's account-books. The family chroniclers tell us that he died while studying in the University of Glasgow. It seems to have been at Irvine, where the members of the University retired, on account of the plague in the city of Glasgow. He died in 1650 or earlier. (See p. 303.)

The calamity which the family and friends of John the fear had anticipated at length became public. On the 19th September 1639, in the burgh court-house of Forres, an inquest, in presence of Alexander Dunbar of Westfield, Sheriff-principal of Elgin and Forres, found "quod Joannes Campbell de Calder est mente captus et furiosus, et quod neque tempus neque modum expensarum habet, sed bona et possessiones dilacerandas et dissipandas profundit, et quod per spacium octodecim mensium elapsorum illam furiositatem sustinuit," and that Colin Campbell of Arderseir is the immediate younger brother of the said John Campbell, and so entitled to be his curator.

The first work of "the Tutor" was to undertake the restoration of the much decayed ancestral residence.

CONTRACT BETUIXT THE SHIREFF [Colin held the office of Sheriff-depute] AND THE MEASSONES FOR BUILDING THE WORK OF CALDER.

At Calder 15 October 1639 yeris, it is appoyntit contractit and faythfullie agreit betuixt the richt honorabill Colene Campbell of Arderseir laufull guyder and administer to the richt honorabill Johne Campbell of Calder on the ane pairt, and Robert Nicolsoun burges of Nairne and George Nicolsone his brother meassounes on the tother pairt, in maner forme and effect as efter followis. That is to say the said Robert and George Nicolsounes meassounes sall enter to work and cast downe the kitcheine and rease ane wolt upon the same, the casting ower of the said wolt ansuering and serwing according to the jeastis of the hall, and the said kitcheine chemnye ryseing in the west gewell of the same, with ane window to the northe and ane uther to the west, and ane sufficient owen in the chemny work, quher

it can be best and most convenientlie haid; and to rease the haill work betwixt the lytill tour and the new work, the sydwallis quherof lewelling according to the wallis of the said new work, with four storme windocks in the northe luiking to the garden, withe armes names and siferis upone the said windockis weill and sufficientlie wrocht to the said Coleine Campbell his contentment, with tua windowes in the west of the quantitie of the windockis of the new work and thrie storme windowes in the south serweing for thrie sewerall chalmeris, withe thrie chemnyes serweing the thrie chalmeris quher they can be best and most convenientlie head for wenting of the reik and easeing of the chalmeris, withe ane chemney in the galrie quher ewer it sall be found most commodiowse for serwing of the said galrie; and to work the new pasaig betwixt the chalmer of daiss and the galrie alse hiche as they work the rest of the work, withe ane entrie to the galrie and ane uther entrie to the hiche chalmer of the lytill tower. And sicklyk the saidis Robert and George Nicolsounes bindis and oblissis thame to slape ane door betwixt the new work and the chalmer that enteris in to the galrie, and to build upe and outred the entrie yet just upone the lewelling of the rest of the sydwallis, withe ane licht to the east and ane tother licht quher the saidis meassounes can best hawe the samen; withe ane easment to ewerie sewerall chalmer abouewrittin as they may be most eassilie head. And to build ane sufficient squair crinell to be caseine out withe corbellis seirges and galconmowthis, withe thrie lichtis of heweine stonn therin, and archer hollis under the said windockis; and lewelling the said crinell for ane pawilioun reiff. And the saidis meassounes bindis theme and ther forsaidis to wine the haill stones, hew the heweine work, and leid the haill stonnes and watter upone ther awne chargis, and to burne the chelis in lyme: withe hewine skunchiones to ewerie door and windock as requeris accordinglie pro rato. The said Colein Campbell furnesching to the saidis meassounes peittis and torwis for burneing the lyme, withe leid, irone, ironwork and timber scentries and all tother wricht work conforming and belonging to the work. And the said Colein bindis him to pay and delyver to the said Robert and George Nicolsounes for building and outreding the haill work abouewrettin the sowme of 600 merkis money, and fywe chalderis wictual half meill half bear, viz. 200

merkis and tua chalderis wictuall at mertymes nixt quhen they begine to hew, withe uther tua hundreth merks and tua chalderis wictuall in Merche 1640 yeiris, withe uther 200 merks and ane chalder wictuall at ending and fenesing of the said work. The saidis Robert and George bindis them to build and sufficientlie outred the said work, the said Coleine furnesching his pairt, betuix the dait heirof and the day of 16 , under the paine of 200 merkis of fealyie, and sicklyk the said Colene for the lyk fealyie in caice they ly idell in his defalt. In witness quherof bath these pairties hes subscriuit thir presentis wrettin be James Adamson noter publict withe ther handis at Calder 15 October 1639 yeiris, befoir thir witness George Torrie in Calder, Johne Campbell burges of Edinburgh Hew Campbell seruitor to the laird of Calder, and James Adamson writter forsaid.

COLINE CAMPBELL.
ROBERT NICOLSONE.
GEORG NICOLSONE.
&c. &c.

Robert and George Nicolson "meassounes at the work of Calder," grant them to have received from James Adamson, chamberlain of Calder, in name and behalf of umquhill Colin Campbell the sum of "100 merkis money and aucht bollis victuall of the cropt and yeir of God 1639 yeris, and that for working the new pasaig with ane skaill stair to the hich galrie abowe the great hall entreing upe abowe the keitcheine." At Calder 19 September 1643.

Their whole contract was completed in 1643, and on 20th September 1643, they also acknowledge receipt of £80, with 8 bolls victual of crop 1638, and that "for hewing laying and bilding of the staine work of the new mylne of Cawdor."

John Campbell, younger of Calder, with consent of his brother-german, Colin Campbell of Galcantray, his curator, grants a disposition to Elizabeth Brodie, spouse of the said Colin, and to Hugh and Alexander their sons, of the Town and lands of Arderseir, dated at the Castle of Cawdor, 11th May 1640. The lady was the daughter of David Brodie of that ilk. Their eldest son was afterwards Sir Hugh and Thane of Cawdor.

The younger, Alexander, was killed by an accident at Arderseir, while yet a youth, say the family chroniclers. Jean, the daughter of Colin and Elizabeth Brodie, was afterwards married to John Hay, the last laird of Lochloy and Park of the old line.

An illegitimate son of Colin Tutor of Cawdor, was Donald of Urchany and Boghole who married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Robert Innes of Muirton. Of that family was Colin Campbell, the author of "Vitruvius Britannicus."

To his richt honorabill and loueing brother Colleine Campbell of Ardroseire, these.

Rycht honorabill and loueing brother.

As concerning these men ye writ of to me quhilk cam from Illa at this tyme, I sie none bot tennentis except onlie thrie or four, quhilk I did demand them ife they wald stay, bot they altogether refuseit, and seing they refuseit till stay with me, I wald not hinder them till goe, for I will pres noe man. Thairfoir these ar intreating yow most earnestlie till send me these men ye aught to send, weill waponit, with the first occasioun, in respect we ar goeing till leager besyde Colrane and the generall is till come schortlie and make ane muster thair and till try wha wantis and wha is compleit, and those that hes not thair companie compleit, they will get noe more pay than quhat men he hes, quhilk trewlie if ye send me not the men I willbe discredditit in that kynd, in respect ther is not ane companie in the regiment except myne bot is fullie compleit and more. As for these men that com heire quhilk ye call volunteires they will nather [be] volunteires nor will not be tyit till ony culloris, nather will receave any pay. Bothe ye and I ar mightilie blameit be the crouner and capitanes and in truthe not without caus, for they say that ther is noe wrong done in Ireland bot onlie that quhilk is done be these men that comes out of Illa, quhilk they say not ane word amis heirin, and Auchinbrecke said to me that he wald compleine to my lord of yow for the suffering them till come at all, except sum honest men quhilk hes your pas and that ye wilbe anserable for. Thairfor these ar intreating yow that ye caus aduerteis everie man of

Illa that whasoever comes without your pas that he returne not home againe, and in treuthe if he want it I sall take his boate from him and lay himself fast; ye may declaire the same unto them. As for ane horse I haue horss abundance bot they ar bot littill, bot God willing I hop schortlie till send you ane good naig. I got in your scrow twa dolloris quhilk ye delyverit to Archibald M^{c} millen and he denyis the same being of the levie moneyis, soe ye sall aduerteis me with your handwrit whether he hes gottin them or not, that I may show it to himself. If he hes not gottin them ye will be rememberit that that makis thretteine dolloris with the eleavin dolloris yow wer resting me in Sana be your calculàtioun, quhilk I haue writtin to my wife to receave from yow with the hundrethe merkis ye sould give.

I was informeit be sindries that came heire that thair was sum wood cairnes into this syde of the contrie that is neirest us, and that they did noe skayth in the contrie bot quhat they did in my landis that I hold of the Laird of Calder, and I thought at my departour from yow that ye wald not suffer my wyfe that I left thaire to be misuseit nor yit the poore tennentis that I haue to be wrongit. But seing I heire the contraire I cannot say bot amen to the same, bot I thought soe long as ye wer ther that schoe wald not beine takin as ane weadow nevertheles of my absence, and I entreat yow as ye wold haue me to be your brother lat me heire that ye sall take ordour with these, for I could tell yow the rebellis be thair names altho I be in Ireland, and it is not eneughe to thame that hes banist me of Illa to doe quhat they did to my self, bot to say that they will scarr and flie and missuse the gentilwoman and lay waist the landis of the Laird of Calder that payis deir dewteis for it now a dayis. Quherfoir I intreat yow latt me not haue caus till give up your name and compleine for the same till betteris, and that your name be not slanderit heiranent.

As concerneing newis, the last newis that I writ to you about Sir Philamie Roy that the said Sir Philamie went up fra the band up throw Tyrone to Tyrchonnell, quher he did meitt with Sir Robert Stewart and Collis bairnes with him, being in the number of ten thowsand men. And Sir Robert being onlie thrie thousand fyve hundrethe, and Collis bairnes and Sir Philamie did stryve for the vane and Sir Philamie did stryve lykewayis, alwayis Collis bairnes got the van wha did mairche one bravelie aganis Sir

Robert. He out of policie maid ane littil retreit and then the wholl Irisches bracke thair array; immediatlie efter the brecking of the aray Sir Robert returneit and fell upon them and plaid with musketis, that within schort space the Irisches did take them to flight, and Sir Robert followit them seavin myles and did slay betiux nyne and ten hundrethe of them, and especiallie the Hieland men. Allester Collis sone was schoot throw the thie, and we got certane word since that he did live bot aught dayis therefter. As for uther speciallis that we know, Donald Gorrum M^{c} ranichcholl, Johne M^{c} ranich gorume M^{c} ky tennent of Bellineill, Donald M^{c} ean V^{c} ky, Donald M^{c} gillespick og v^{c} ky, Hector M^{c} allester Og tennent of Ballinachtane, Donald M^{c} minbrie, by many uther Hieland men quhilk ye may know, for they got nyne culloris nyne drumes twentie murriones quhilk they tuike off Hieland mens heids and twentie tairges with twentie four Hieland coatis, together with twa thousand muskatis and pickis, with much powder, soe that I hope Illa misteris not be soe affrayit for Collis faction heirefter.

Our raidgement is to goe and ly at Colrane and twentie foure souldioris till stay in Bellicastell, with ane volunteire gentilman to be thair gyde, and Dunluce to be keipit in the lyk maner, and ther is thrie thousand to be sent from Monro his regiment till joyne with us, with aught hundrethe out of Colrane, and we ar to goe over the band soe soon as [they] ar conveinit with us. Monro is went about the head of Lochnaiche alreadie, being upon the southe syde of the enemie. Sir Robert wilbe upon the northe syde therof, and we till call up the reir of the saidis rebellis. But we will not sie many of them quhill we mairche thriescore myles in respect they haue all fled in into the contrie and takin thair wholl goodis with them. We heir Sir Philamie cannot macke up ane airmie againe, becaus they cannot get victuallis except sum hors and ky, and God willing againe the nixt occasioun I hope ye sall heire better newis. Noe farder bot my service ever rememberit to yourself and your bedfollow I remayne

your loueing brother till power

Bellicastell 4 Julii 1642. GEO. CAMPBELL.

Barbreck desyreit yow till send him his moneyis conforme to your promis maid till him in Sana.

SIR DONALD CAMPBELL, &c., TO DALLAS OF CANTRAY.

RICHT WORTHIE AND LOWING FREIND

Seing we ar informit that the umquhill tutor of Calder knawing himself diseasit withdrew himselff to your hous as he aucht of deutye, and left with yow the keyis of the trunkes quherin the richtis of the estait of Calder and his awin lyes, it is expedient that ye preserwe weill these keis and giwe thame to no man as ye tender the standing of the hous and the weill of the orphanes that he left behind him untill the tyme with consent of the speciall freindis ye delywer thame to these quha hes best entres therto, quhilk we ar confident ye will do, knawing yow weill sett for the standing of the hous and orphanes. Pleis to acquent us with the beirar gif he left ther ane red box which he usit to haif in his companie, quherin he declairit to some of his freindis to haif his ordinance, quhilk gif ye haif, reserwe it also in suir custodie quhill the freindis meit and tak ane sattling of the affaires of the hous and his minoris. Wisching yow to remember our service to the Laird, to his Ladie and the rest of the freindis ther, committis yow to God and restis your affectionat freindis to power

S. DO. CA. Ardnamorchyn.
J. CAMPBELL of Ardchattan.
D. CAMPBELL.
J. CAMPBELL in Killespickerrill.

Coulnadallich the last of September 1642

[FROM ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL OF LERAGIS, TO DALLAS OF CANTRAY.]

WORTHIE AND LOVEING BROTHER

I knoe ye and all our Norland freindis wilbe desyrous to knowe quhat cours the freindis of our hous of Calder tackis for the rycht manageing of the affaires of that hous. Trewe it is quhen we was informed from yow thair, howe matteris happined, the freindis of Lorne derectit Mr. William my brother in law and me to Illay to se in quhat caice thingis was thair and to put all that concerned the Laird or Colin under inventor and in soure firmance, whyll we sent for George to Ireland. It was resolved

one, or George came, be Sir Donald Archattane and remnant memberis of our hous, that the esteat of the hous of Calder sould be governet be derectioune and warrantis from the Laird and Lady with a competent nomber of the speciall freindis, quhich was to be effectuat quhen George and they might convenientlie meitt. Bot quhen George came home he miskenis the memberis of the hous and thair cours of goverment, and hes purchessed a letter of recommendatioun of the Marqueis of Argyll and some utheris, nane of the hous of Calder thair bot Sir Donald, and hes mead his recours to Edr. to serve him self tutor to the Laird dowring his furiositye. We heir the Laird is noe that man, and yet his owine brother will euer haue him to be that man. As for Sir Donald trewlie latt noe man think of him that he is now adayes as he hes bein in power of judgment or soe circumspect in his awine affairis or utheris, which I feir shall kyithe more or it be lange. Alwayis to come to our purpois, if the Laird Lady or the freindis thair aprowe this cours of George, it is as I say, which Ardchattane hes informed yow all of. If the cours lyk yow not, the Laird and Lady most resolve to plead with the counsall to be hard er aine tutor be appointit, quhen they shall haue the freindis come of our hous to second them be thair best concurrance with the consel. The Laird and Ladyis letteris with yours came to Lorne ye to my Lordis handis and all handis they ware derectit to, er the former warrant was purchessed, yeit without respect to anie of the hous of Calder matteris went on as said is. Trewlie the Laird Lady and weill affectit freindis sould see the former tutorie cleired, er anie uther sould succeid. I heir that George and the relict hes sent for yow to receave keis from yow, soe lower ye to that, quhen he is resolved be Larde Lady and yow freindis thair most . . . and to be brieff, if George beis tutor I assuire yow tutored himself, for that chairge was too havie for thame that was thair and did all be them selfis. This in heast with my best wissis ever rememberit to all weill affectit freindis thair, especially my sweit sister your bedfollow, exspecting your anser with the first occasioune restis

youris alwayes to continew a loveing brother

A. Campbell of Leragis

Ardchattan 17 October 1642.

For my verie worthie and loveing brother William Dolles of Cantra.

FOR OUR HONORABILL AND LOVEING FREYND GEORGE CAMPBELL TUTOR OF CALDER.

HONORABLE AND LOVEING FREYND

Upoun adverteisment that my Lord Marques is goeing to Ingland with the armie, we have thocht it most expedient boith for his Lo. honor and the credit of the countrey, that some men should goe from this to attend his Lo. persoune, and thairfore have appoyntit the Proweist of Kilmund and Archibald Campbell of Leragis and thrie scoir of prettie men with them, weill cloathed in Hieland cloathes with suordes targes hagbuttis and mureounes to be in readines. Off the quhilkis men thair fallis on yow out of Ila two habill men, quhome we earnestlie entreatt yow to mak readie with all expeditioune, and sie that they be prettie men weill conditioneit and weaponeit as said is, and in readines againes the nixt adverteisment from the Proweist or suche of the committie of war as beis resident at Inveraray, quhilk wilbe werrie shortlie, because the armie marches from Edr. at the end of this moneth. This is a thing much desyreit and expected be my lord Marques him selff and his Lo. and we will tak notice quha at this tyme does ther dewtie and quha not. Bot we are confident of yow quhome we know doe so muche respect his Lo. honor the credite of the countrey and your awne. So recomending this to your speciall cair we shall ewer remaine

your most affectionat and loveing freyndis

J. CAMPBELL of Lochinnell.
J. CAMPBELL of Ardkinglas.
Co. CAMPBELL of Straquhur.
D. CAMPBELL of Duntron.
J. Mc LACHLAN.
J. CAMPBELL of Ottir.
. . . Innerliver, Ardchattane, &c.

At Calder the twentie twa day off Apryll 1650 yeiris, the freindis of the hous of Calder undersubscryveing fyndis it necessar that ther be sex sojoris with the present porter and watch, be brought in for mainteining the hous off Calder dureing the present and apareand trublis, and that Mr. Alexander

Dollas pay to them ther dayly mantenence as other sojoris within the kingdome hawe out off the mantenence bestowit on the hous be the Esteatis, and intill the samen be brought in from the collector, that the said Mr. Alexander sall advance the samen and to be repayit out of the said mantenence or out of the rediest of the Laird off Calder his rentis. In witnes quheroff thir presentis wrytten be Hew Campbell at Calder the 22 off Apryll 1650.

W. Dollas off Cantray.
P. Campbell.
Coleine Campbell.
A. Dolles fier of Cantray.
. . . Dolles of Budyet.
H. Campbell.

Instructions from the Tutor of Cawdor to Alexander Dollas of Galcantray.

Worthie friend

I have sent warrand heirin closit for selling of so maney cabberis. In the menetyme quhatever tyme the cabberis bees cutt, let the forrester be present, and quhatever is cutt on one day the samen be removit ere aney furder cutting be made, but let the oak no wayes be medled with. And let the samen be done with all the rest of the woodis which I have sold, let the forrester be present, and all that is cutted in one day to be removit the same day erre furder cutting for fear of confusion.

For the horse the Mr. of Forbes hes sent to me, I wald have that he might be fed in Murray at leist upoun my expensis, bot as soone as ye advertise me concerning the Laird his transportatioune, let the horse be sent if he be hable, if not delyver him to young Cantray.

Let the measones be tryed to the uttermost quhat has bene done with the scaffold befoir, and quhat hes bene put one ther sydis of it let them supplie now, and if they be absolutelie frie of it, let not the work ly idle for want of ane scaffold, but let the rooff be wattertight whill it be made up according to my former directiounes theranent.

For the ash trie at the back of the garden, ye shall advyse with Cantray young and old, and if they see it proffitable for the house that such a wak. mylne be made up, I condescend to the cutting of the trie forsaid and to the bigging of the mylne.

Quhen the Laird his tyme runes with you I have given ordoris to Cantray and his sone to convoy him to Lorne and to reckone with yow quhen his tyme expyres with yow (to wit the tuo yeiris which ye ar payit for alreddy), and quhen ye have delyvered the Laird to Cantray and his sone, faill not to give young Cantray suche furnishing as heirin specifeit viz. tuo feather bedis tuo bolsteris tuo coveringis 2 guid whyte plaidis 2 stand of curtines with their pandis 3 paire of sheitis 2 pair of codis. And stent horse of the countrie people to carye thir thingis to Innerlochie, and let Cantray and his sone with yow stent as maney of the Lairdis tennentis and vassalis to convoy him as Cantray thinkis expedient. Commending yow and your bedfollow to the Lord, I subsist

your loving freind
GEO. CAMPBELL.

Laggan 20 May 1650.
For Mr. Alexander Dollas of Galcantray.

FOR THE RIGHT HONORABILL THE LORD BRODIE.

RIGHT HONORABILL

The tutor of Calder is verie desyrous to have his comptis hard, in the quhilk your honor sall not omitt the eicht thousand kowes and the eicht or nyne hundrethe horse and mearis gifted be the Marques of Argyll and David Leslie to the tutor in name of the Laird of Calder and for the Laird of Calderis use, and lykwais a full yeiris rent taken up be the tutor efter the last yeir that the tutor paid to the Counsall of the kingis dewteis. And if your L. may be anie meinis hawe the Laird of Inverliver at the heiring of thais comptis, he could be verie usefull for making the cheirge. Your L. neidis

not mar bie knawin in this till the bissines cum to better maturitie, and I sall prowe dewtifull to the Laird of Calder and your L. humbell servant

C. CAMPBELL.

Deinstoune 21 October 1654.

[PRICE OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION.]

I George Campbell in Inveraray doe by these presentis truelie testifie and declare, that in the moneth of Junii 1644 yeiris, I haveing coft from Colin Campbell merchant burges of Glasgow ane certaine quantity of armes and ammunitione to the value of 4000 marks Scots or therby, and haveing brought the samen to Inveraray to be sould to any of the heretoris in the schyre of Argyll that would buy them in the moneth of Julii thereftir, and George Campbell tutor of Calder being at Inveraray quhen the boitt with the armes and ammunitione arryved ther, the said George for the use of the Laird of Calder his tennentis in Ila then coft of the saidis armes and ammunitione the value of £1345, 2s. 4d. Scots, of the quhilk soume the said George has made me full payment and satisfactioun at Candlemes last.

At Inveraray 13 Marche 1655 yeires.

[ACCOUNTS OF COLIN AND GEORGE CAMPBELL BROTHERS AND SUCCESSIVELY CURATORS OF JOHN CAMPBELL, FIAR OF CALDER.]

CHARGE, 1638.

The sum total of the whole mails and duties from the island of Islay, and the barony of Muckairn, Kilmachronage, Lochaw, and Priory lands, amounts to £21,394, 9s. 2d.

DISCHARGE, 1638.

Item to James Douglas servitor to the Marqueis of Douglas for the aliement and interteinment of umquhill Dam Elizabeth Douglas spous to Sir Johne Campbell of Calder knycht, and of hir childreine for the Witsonday terme 1639, as his dischairge grantit therupon beares £666, 13s. 4d.

Item maire given to the said James Douglas for the aliement of the said Dam Elizabeth, for the Mertymes terme 1638 £666, 13s. 4d.

Item givin to Elizabeth Urquhart Ladie Calder for hir interteinement charges and expensis thir thrie yeires or therby bygaine, conforme to the Erle of Argyle and remanent freindis of the hous of Calder thair ordinance £2700.

Item maire to the said Elizabeth £218, 18s.

Item to John Campbell for his travell to Illa with the doctour conforme to the Erle of Argyles letter direct to me thereanent £40.

Item to Mr. James Beatoune Doctour of phisicke for ane voyage maide be him from Edinburgh to Illay as his ticket of reseate bearis £266, 13s. 4d.

Item to Quanteine Rankeine messer burges of Glasgow for the buirding and learneing of Jeane and Christiane Campbellis bairnes to the laird of Calder, viz. twa yeiris and ane quarteris buird to the said Jeane and ane yeir to the said Christiane £325.

Item given to Colleine Campbell younger in Glasgow for furnitour to Jeane Campbell £82, 10s.

Item givin to Robert Horner for furnitor to Jeane and Christiane Campbell £25, 18s.

Item givin for ane velvet muff to Jeane Campbell £6.

Item givin to Mr. Rodger Mowat advocat for the pryce of twa ky in name of pension £26, 13s. 4d.

Item waireit one Doctor Beatoune for his charges in goeing to Illa, and coming from Illa home againe to Edinburgh £178, 8s.

Item givin to Doctor Arnot Doctor Beatoune and Doctor Sybbald at ane consultatioun concerneing the Laird his seiknes in Edinburgh £71, 6s.

Item givin my Lord Advocat in August 1638 at tua consultatiounes concerneing the lairdis estate, and concerneing the yong boyis securiteis £54.

Item givin to Patrik Hepburne Apothecarie in Edr. for drogis directit home fra him to the laird by Doctor Arnotis advyse £32, 10s.

Item maire to Patrik Hepburne for drogis that went in Doctor Beatoune his companie to Illa £101, 6s. 8d.

Item to the woman that waitit one the Ladies dochteris quhen they wer in Glasgow, and for schankis to Jeane 3 dolloris £8, 2s.

Item to the gentilmen that cam as syssoris to the seruice of my retoure for thair dennaris that day being in companie £10.

Item spent quhen I went with the Laird to Murray, being seavin hors all hyred and sexteine in companie for the space of sex weikis be the way, betuix hors hyre expensis and ferreis payit out £700.

Item givin the yong ladie in Calder quherupon hir ticket bearis £900.

Discharge 1639.

Item to Glenmoristoune in pairt of payment for timber to the hous of Calder, geistis, sparris, takis and howis, double dealis and sarkeine deallis, payit out £400.

Item givin to the meassounes for winning of the stones, hewing therof and building of the auld hall and kitchein of Calder conforme to ane contract betwix thame and me, quhilk is of the daite October 1639, of money £400, and of victuall fyve score bollis, inde £500, inde in the haill £900.

Item givin in to the hous of Calder out of the rent of Gallchantra 1638, the number of 58 bollis tua firlettis twa pekkis extending in money to £293.

Item spent the first voyage I was writtin for efter my brother tuike his seiknes being in anno 1638 at Lambes coming out of Murray till Lorne, out of Lorne till Edr., and out of Edr. till Lorne and Illa, quhen I cam at the 16 of October 1638, at £4 everie day £385.

Item coming out of Illa upon the tent of Nov. 1638, the prior of

Ardchattane being in companie and Doctor Beatoune cam to Glasgow, I being my self and twa men, twa hors, tua boyis, and attending thair the Assemblie. And from Glasgow to Edr., quher I was forceit thair till abyde upon the yong boyis securiteis untill the last of January, and then went from Edr. till Murray for taking of his infeftment and from Murray was forceit till ryde till the raid of Turray with the shirefdome of Narne, and from thence backe till Murray again, and from Murray to the meitting at St. Johnestoun of the nobilitie of the schyre of Narne, and from St. Johnestoune till Lorne, for directing out of men to the oast that went to Aberdeen for apprehending the Marqueis of Huntlie and uther antecovenanteres that stood out against the kingdome, and from thence home till Illa quher I reteirit the 15 of Aprile 1639, being in this haill jurneyis the space of fyve monthe with sum od dayis at £4 ilk day £750.

Item, at the tyme left in Calder of munitioun powder and leid, the matter of the worthe of £40.

As for the butter and cheis cropt 1638, the same was spent in the Lairdis hous.

Item, payit out for elding, and burneing and leiding of chalderis lyme to the hous of Calder the soume of £30.

Item, for corne and stra coft fra Duncane M^c^ arthure and Mr. Gilbert Andersone minister at Calder, payit out for 60 bollis victuall corne and stra to plenische the maynes to the Ladie £320.

Item, payit out for ane cairt and four hors to carie the Lairdis chartor kist and uther trunkis with the Lairdis writtis from Edr. to Glasgow £26.

Item, payit for the boate which I hyred to bring the chartor kist and trunkis about be sea till Innerraray, given out £27.

Item, given out till beare John Dollas his charges and the tua men that went about from Glasgow with the munitioun to Illa, and to Patrik Dunbar that went about be sea with the lairdis chartor kist £37.

Item, for 240 pund weght of powder coft, and lost twa hundreth weght therof at 20s. the pund, and the 40 pund weght at 22s. the pund is in all £244.

Item, lykewayes for 30 stane of leid to furnische the ile of Lochgroome £70.

Item, to William Inglisch writter in Edr. for trying quher the lairdis trunke and chartor kist was and for finding thame out in Edr. £40.

Item, for mending of thrie steill tairges and for covering thame with lather £20.

Item, givin for ane aix to cut leid 13s. 4d.

Item, spent at my Lordis goeing throw the northe in the oast fra the 15 day of Junii I went out of Illa to the 16 day of August that I cam home £695, 6s. 8d.

Item, givin out to the Ladie in victuall 20 bollis, and debursit one necessares, cropt 1639, furnischit for building up of the hous of Calder, as irne, deales, naillis, windowis, lyme and uther thingis £426, 10s.

Item, spent be my self, being writtin for be the Laird and the Ladie to goe into Lorne for requyring of thair sone fra Ardchattane to be directit north, and being stayed thair be my lordis letter for keiping of the Michelmes court at Inneraray £86.

Item, spent quhen I went from Illay to Lorne. the 12 January 1641, at the desyre of the freindis for taking ordor with the Clandonald £64.

Item, spent in August 1639, efter my comeing from Illa and being captive, being requyreit be my Lord Argyle to attend the Assemblie and Parliament with certane number of my freindis according to his Lo. letter to me and my brother George, abydeing in Edr. for the space of nyne weikis £288.

Item, depursit of the 2000 merks band of aliement of Dame Elizabeth Douglas and hir childrein, to wit the childrenis buird in Edr. ane yeir and ane half efter thair motheris deceis, and for close to them, and for thair transporting to Lorne and Calder, and for £100 worthe of drogis quhilk was coft be the auld laird for Archibald his sones use £640.

Item, depursit quhilk was spent be Dolles of Cantra out of the rentis of Ardroseir in Murray, quhilk pertenit to me the said Coleine, quhilk Dollas spent into the Lairdis effaires in supplieing of the Lairdis place at all meittingis quher he was requyreit be the Committies in the northe, and for goeing as heidis man with the lairdis men to all thair convocatiounes quhilk the publict had aganis the ante covenantaris bothe in the shirradome of Aberden Banff Elgeine Forres Narne and Inuernes 1638, 1639, 1640 £433, 6s. 8d.

Item, givin to the meassounes by and attour the first conditione for the bigging of ane new passage betuix the heighe new warke of Calder and the heighe new grit hall, with ane braid entrie therto from the close, and for winning and hewing of stanes therto, of meall aucht bollis, inde in money £42, 13s. 4d.

Item, mair of money to them £66, 13s. 4d.

Item, spent in Junii 1639, the tyme of the kingis schipis being in Illay, lyand in the sound, the contrie being conveinit, and not haueing meit and being stayit thair the space of foure dayis for defence of the contrie against them, quhilk is not insert into the chalmerlanes compt for the yeir 1639, the number of twelf oxin at £12, 9s. 4d. the peice £149, 12s.

Item, for manteining souldiors upon the ile of Lochgroome, being sex men, four boyis and ane woman fra Mertymes 1639 to Mertymes 1640. names of the said souldioris Johne Campbell sone to the Prior of Ardchattane &c. £589, 6s. 8d.

Item, payit be the compter for fies of foure gentill men and servandis that wes hyrit be him thir twa yeires bygane be the advys of the freindis during the tyme of the trowbles viz. Angus Campbell sone to the Laird of Barbreck with twa men of his awin &c. £646.

Discharge of year 1640.

Item, to Patrike Dunbar in close and money, quhen he went with my lord Argyle to Newcastell, till himself and Johne Munro for hors meit and mans meit £226, 13s. 4d.

Item, for schellis to be lyme to the hous of Calder and for carying of the same fra Ardroseir to the said hous, sex bollis of meall £40.

Item, spent be myself being writtin for be my Lord Marqueis of Argyle to attend his Lo. at the Parliament at Lambes 1641, being myself, my man, twa hors, twa boyis, fra the first of August at I left Illay till the 14 November £416.

Item, givin to the said compter as onorarium in attending the Laird of Calder his bussienes in Hielandis and Lawlandis the said yeire £800.

In 1641 George is now curator, lawfullie servit and retourit to Johne Campbell of Calder in respect of his disease with consent of ane noble Marqueis Archibald Marqueis of Argyll and the freindis of the hous of Calder, and compt and reckoning is made between him, and Elizabeta Brodie relict of umquhile Colin Campbell of Arderseir lait Curator &c. with consent of Alexander Brodie of that Ilk her brother, and Alexander Brodie of Lethin her uncle. The lady's account contains the following entries:—

DISCHARGE.

Item payit to the old Laird before his desease at the desyre of the freindis he being exhaustit and distrest for ceartine debtes £666, 13s. 4d.

Item payit to George Campbell shireff clerk of Argyll in name of the Marqueis of Argyll for ammuintioune viz. £400 for ane galley, £80 for the pryce of tua cutthroatis with the stocs and four chalmbers, £110 for the pryce of 1^{c} weight of pouder coft for the Laird of Calder his use £590.

Item mair payit to the said George Campbell, quhich restit unpayit of the contributioune grantit be the Laird of Calder to the Marqueis of Argyll £200.

Item spent be the compter at ane voyage to Inverarae, being wreittine for be my Lord Marqueis, for stenting of men to Irland, quhair he remainit betwixt Inverarae and Muckairne, stenting men 20 dayis £80.

Item spent be the compter her umquhile husband at his goeing to Kintyre with the souldieris being 86 men with 40 gentlemen for his convoy quhair he stayed 10 dayes, before the souldieris wes takine off his hand, being forcit to hyre 9 gentlemenis sonnes to goe with the souldieris to mak out the number, to quhom he gave some £40, some 40 merkis, to his great chairges £400.

Item spent be the compter her umquhill husband quhen he went to the

Assemblie at St Androwes from quhence he went to Murray about the Laird of Calder his affaires quhairanent he wes employed 6 weikes £160.

Item debursit for the repaireing of the galley £131.

Item to Donald M^c^ arthor with those that went with him to Irland being direct be the freindis to bring George home immediatlie efter his brotheris decease £20.

The accounts of George the Curator are now rendered annually.

Discharge, 1642.

Payit to John Nicoll for lettres of lawborrowis reasit againis the haill gentlemen in Lorne for interrupting of them from destroying of the Lairdis woddis salmond and venisone 40s.

Item givin to boyis that wer directit from the freindis quhen Kilraik and we discordit (anent marches,) £4.

Item mair givin to George Torrie for goeing to the laich of Murray to advertis the Laird of Innes and Frindrassie to come to our secund meiting anent thes marches £7.

Item 26 Oct. to ane boy directit to Edr. for ane warrand from my Lord Marqueis to such frendis as his Lo. wold appoynt for futeing of my accomptis £6.

Item payit to John Grant of Moynes as commissionar for the barrones and frieholderis within the shirefdome of Nairne directed to the lait Parliament, for the laird of Calder his part of the contributioun £264, 6s. 8d.

Item payit to the Lady Calder for the lairdis and hir awin mantinence at Calder, the haill esteat payable in the North according to the rentall of the samen £3,102, 2s. 8d.

Item to ane boy directit to the committie with intelligence of the Claudonald £41, 2s.

Item 29th Decr. to ane boy direct to the committie at Innerary, quhen they sent ordoris for the last expeditioun against the rebellis £4.

Item allowit to the compter for his service in attending upoun the Laird of Calder his esteat and affaires for this yeir £800.

DISCHARGE, 1643.

Item payit for the buird of Archibald sone naturall to umquhile Duncane Campbell brother to the Laird of Calder, the said Archibald being ane chyld at skoollis, his fatheris portioun and meanes haveing fallin in to the Laird his brother, for 3 yeires buird £200.

Item payit to Andro Smyth burges of Glasgow for enterteinement of Archibald Campbell sone naturall to the umquhile tutor at scoolis £200.

Item payit at the Lady Calderis direction to hir sones nurris £2.

Item given to John Campbell the pryoris sone being directed to Irland for intelligence of the M^c donnalds £2, 13s. 4d.

Item mair to be allowit to the compter for ane voage in my Lord Marquess of Argyll his company at the expeditioun in persute of the rebellis towardis Ardnamorchyn and from thence towardis the north of Scotland, the compter haveing takin allongis with him tua companyes of men for that expedition who wer commandit by under officaris, the compter haveing receavit no allowance for himself from the publict, he being in that jorney at his awin charge from the 5 Agust till 10 Decr. 1644 £480.

Item givin to the sojeris that were directed furth of Muckairne and Ichterachim to the expedition against Allester M^c coll in winter 1643 £30, 6s. 8d.

There now occurs a blank in the Tutor's accounts for several years. The next account is for crop and year 1649, "being the first yeir of the compter his intromissioun efter the waisting of the landis."

DISCHARGE FOR YEAR 1649.

Item delyverit to the tennentis of Ardnaskie for buying of 20 bollis seid aittis quhilk wes givin to them as steilbow, quhich they are obleist to delyver at ther removeing £106, 13s. 4d.

Item in May 1650 givin to twa men directed to Edr. with 4000 merkis quhilk wes payit in part of payment of Jean hir tochir guid £20.

Item to Donald M^{c} indeor being directed to Edr. for one of the Lairdis trunckis, quha wes forcit to returne at Sterling efter the breach at Dunbar £10.

Discharge for crop 1650.

Item givin to ane gentillman directed to the doune of Monteath for the Lairdis trunck, quhilk had bein in Edr. and wes brocht therfra quhen the Inglisches enterit ther £28.

Item given to Donald O'conochar phisitiane being direct by advys of the freindis for visiting of the Lairdis sone, to Irwing, quhen he wes diseasit before his deceas £66, 13s. 4d.

Discharge of 1651.

Item payit to ane sclaiter for repairing of the Lairdis buriall place at the kirk of Calder thrie dolloris £8, 14s.

Item payit for the Lairdis part of the contributioun givin to commissionaris sent to treat with the Inglische commissionaris at Dalkeith anent the publict bussines of the schyre £24, 13s. 4d.

Item givin to the Mistres of Forbes at Inveraray the tyme of her wedding according to her tickit £71, 4s.

Item at that tyme givin to Mr. John Campbell of Moy being imployit be the freindis with ane commissioun to the Maister of Forbes anent the said mariage, and in goeing northe the secund tyme in convoy of the Mistres of Forbes efter the mariage £55.

The troubles of the time affected the Highland and Island territories, even more than the rest of Scotland. The usual rent previously derived by Cawdor from Isla and Muckairn was from £20,000 to £22,000 *per annum*. In 1651, only £2216, 10s. 2d. was derived from those territories, "the samen," says the Curator, "being almost altogidder waist." In 1652, they produced £6815, 8s. 2d.

Item 4 dozen siluer buttonis therto	£2, 16s.
Item 12 drop silk therto	£1, 7s.
Item 3 drop silwer loupeing	£1.
Item 12 ellis gray taffatie ribinis to be poyntis at 9s. per ell	£5, 8s.
&c. &c. &c.	

Thomas Mᶜ kie, Tailor-burges of Edinburgh, grants receipt of £84, 3s. 2d. for furnishing certain clothes and other necessaries to Mrs. Jean Campbell dr. to the Laird of Calder, &c., 22d December 1646.

We have several accounts of "Mistres Jeane Campbell, daughter to umquhill the laird of Calder," to Alex. Chrystie, merchant, annis 1646-1648, giving details of female paraphernalia,—silk and worset stuffe, silver galloune, silver and gold lace, a large crowned love hood, a bandit tafetie hood; Isabella and red ribbons, shiveranes (gloves), limond stockings, caleico (2 merk the ell), a black Inglish domit hat, a silver and gold hatband, a stand of craig napkin knaps, a black fether with gold handle, Spanish gloves, Spanish taffetie, French poudesay, rose-coloured moyhair, orange tafetie, silver pearling, &c. &c.

The following extracts are from an account that seems to have been incurred specially for her wedding finery:—

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE THE MISTRIS OF FORBES HER ACCOMPT TO ALEXANDER CRYSTIE MERCHAND IN EDINBURGH, BEGAN THE 10 AUGUST LAST BYPAST 1648 YEIRIS.

2 ell of whyt leace at £4, 10s.	£9.
5 ell dito 5 merk the ell and 2 ell at 50s. the ell	£11, 13s. 4d.
2 ell dito at £8 the ell, 5 half quarteris dito at £5, 10s., 2 ell dito at 48s. and 2 ell at 46s. 8d.	£29, 15s.
1 ell dito at £4, 10s., 1 ell at 5 merk, 3 ell at £4, 10s.	£21, 6s. 8d.
5 half quarteris at £7, and 5 half quarteris at £6	£8, 18s. 9d.
5 half quarteris at 10 merk, and 5 half quarteris at £5	£8.
5 half quarteris dito at £3, 13s. 4d., and 5 half quarteris at £5	£5, 19s. 2d.

12 stand of pocket napkin knaps £6, 12s.
14 ell of fyne black plane sattin at £10 the ell £140.
25½ yairdis of black leace at 50s. the ell £63, 15s.
12¼ ell of dewcap taftie at £8 the ell £98.
36 yairdis of black leace at 32s. £57, 12s.
18 ell of black 12d. taftie ribbens at 12s. the ell £10, 16s.
6 quarteris of taftie at £8 the ell, and 6 ell black ribbens at 7s. the ell £14, 2s.
14 ell 3 quarteris of tufted holland at 30s. the ell £22, 2s. 6d.
7¾ ells of carnation ingraned sattin at 16 merk the ell £84.
12 unce 9 drop of heigh silver and gold pearling at 10 merk the unce £83, 15s.
4 ell and 3 half quarteris of wrought Isabella sattin at 10 merk the ell £29, 3s. 4d.
3 quarteris and a half of ingraned Spanish taftie at £8 £7, 16s.
10 ell of mixed silk and worset stuff at £4 the ell £40.
12 dozen of silver and gold tittis at 6s. 8d. the dozen £4.
9 unce (vanting a drop) of silver and gold galloune at £6 the unce £53, 13s.
2 pitticolles at £3 the peice, 4 unce silver galloune at 8 merk the unce £27, 6s. 8d.
3½ ell scarlet freize at £4 the ell, 7 drop silk at 32s. £14, 14s.
5 half quarteris of seange at £3, 5 half quarteris cramisie sattin at 16 merk £9, 14s. 10d.
A pr. of whalbone bodys and a staminger at £6, 6s. 8d.
10½ ells of mixed hair stuff at £3, 10s. the ell £36, 15s.
36½ dozen of gold and silver buttones at 2 merk the dozen £48, 13s. 4d.
1 unce of silver and gold loupin at £5, 13s. 4d. £5, 13s. 4d.
A long neck buttoune with silver and gold head and ey at £1.
4 unce of threid at £4, 4s., 5 quarteris and a half whyte taftie at £8 £15, 4s.
6 ell of gray silk and silver ribbens at 30s. the ell, ½ ell blew taftie at £8 the ell £13, 4s.
6 ell of fyne holland at £10 the ell, 7½ ell dito at £6 £105, 7s. 6d.

4 ell of cambrek at £7 the ell, and sex ell at £4, 13s. 4d. £91.
A stand of fyne craig napkin knaps at £4.
5½ quarteris of dewcap taftie at £8 the ell £11.
2 unce 2 drop of silver galloune at 8 merk the unce £11, 6s. 8d.
6 dozen of neidles at 3s. the dozen, a fyne combe and case 30s. £2, 8s.
12 ell blew and 12 ell Isabella ribbens 6s. the ell, and 12 ell limond at 8s. the ell, 12 ell scarlet-coloured and 12 ell black ribbens at 7s. the ell £20, 8s.
5 dozen of 2d. ribbens of the foirsaid coloris at 30d. the ell £7, 10s.
5 dozen of 1d. ribbens of the foirsaid coloris at 20d. the ell £5.
14½ ell of 12d. taftie ribbens at 15s. the ell £10, 17s. 6d.
12 drop and a half of silver pearling at £5, 13s. 4d. the unce £4, 8s. 8d.
18 yairdis of silver ribbens at 28s. the ell £25, 4s.
6 ell of ritch gold ribbens at 5 merk the ell, and 6 ell silver at 4 merk the ell £38.
A pair of ritch imbrothered nightcaps and slipperis at £48.
20 pair of gloves, 6 pair at 36s., 6 pair at 30s., 6 pair at 24s., and 2 at 48s. £31, 16s.
Ane mirror glasse at £5, a whyt fether at £3 £8
6 ell of cambrek at £6 the ell, 7¾ ell of cambrek at £3, 13s. 4d. £64, 8s. 4d.
6 ell of holland at £7, 10s. the ell, and 6 ell at £4, 13s. 4d., and 5 ell 3 half quarteris at £6 the ell £105, 5s.
12 hoods 3 at £4, 3 at 55s., 4 at £4, 3 at 5 merk the peice £42, 18s. 4d.
7 peper of pinis at £2, 3s., and leaced love hood at £12 £14, 3s.
6 pair of stockinis 2 at 8 merk and 4 pair at £4 the pair £26, 13s. 4d.
12 pair of bandstrings, 2 at £4, 2 at 5 merk, and 2 at 40s., 3 at £3, and 3 at 36s. the pair £33, 6s. 4d.
2 cofferis at £9, 10s. the peice, and a litle reid coffer at 5 merk £22, 6s. 8d.
Payed to the seamster for making your cloathes and drinkmoney £57, 19s.
A imbroithered womanis sadle, with all furnitour at £12 sterling £144.
4 ell and a half of reid freise at 40s. the ell, for making the covering to your sadle 40s. £11.

13 ell of fyne black velvet at £16, 10s. the ell	£214, 10s.
1 ell of black Spanish taftie at	£5, 13s. 4d.
12 ell of gaes at 15s. the ell, a pound of croill vorset at £6	£15.
2 pound of coloris of worsett at £4 the pound	£8.
2 maskis at £3, 4s., 3 rollis for the head at £4	£7, 4s.
A gold handle at 36s., 24 ell of 1d. sattin and silver ribbens at 30d. the ell	£4, 16s.
3 bolt of knittings at 40s., 6 stand of napken knaps at 18s.	£2, 18s.
2 guises at £2, 10s. 8d., a pound of balein at 8s.	£2, 18s. 8d.
4 quair of peper at £2, 8s., and for wax 40s.	£4, 8s.

The whole outfit amounts to the sum of £2093, 6s. 8d. It is thus subscribed by the bride in a pretty hand:—

Revised and allowed at Edr. the first of October 1648, and subscriuit by me

JEANE CAMPBELL.

Both the following acknowledgments are on one page of paper:—

I mistres Jeane Campbell eldest lawfull daughter to the Laird of Calder grantis me to haue receaved from my uncle George Campbell tutor of Calder the soume of £71, 4s., and that in tyme of my wading for doeing my lawfull and necessarie affaires. Subscrywed be me at Inveraray 25 Septr. 1648.

JEANE CAMPBELL.

I maister Johne Campbell grantis me to hawe receaved from George Campbell tutour of Calder the soume of £55, and that for doeing the affaires of the house of Calder, and mor particularlie going north to the Maister of Forbes with a commission and letteris sent from the freindis of the house of Calder to him and his freindis, as lykwys for conwoying the Mistres of Forbes northe. Subscrywed at Inveraray the 25 Septr. 1648.

Jo. CAMPBELL.

[illegible]

[illegible]

Imprimis given for [illegible] gallons of mild spent in the said vessels at 3½d. the gallon. Rate [illegible]

Item given for five gallons and one quart of strong ale spent more than the allowance and at several times, the same being at 4½d. the gallon. Rate [illegible]

Item given for 3 gallons spent at the several times the same was [illegible]

[illegible]

Item given for two pints [illegible]

Item given for six [illegible]

Item given for seven [illegible] Sir Donald [illegible] pints [illegible] quarter pound of [illegible] and the [illegible] [illegible]

Item for three [illegible] Valentine [illegible]

Item given for the [illegible] Donald [illegible] to the [illegible] pints [illegible] the same and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

Sir Donald's [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Imprimis [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Mair 2 ells of lowp leace 8s.

Mair, for Marie, of serge thrie ells half at 5 merkis the ell is £11, 13s. 4d.

Mor, 5 ells ribbines at 8s. the ell inde £2.

Siluer ribbans 2 ells pryce £1, 12s.

Mor for ane hate to the Laird £7, 4s.

Item depursit for ane suite of cloathis coft at Inveraray for James in sommer 1652, being of intentioun to have placit him with my Lord Marqueis £56, 9s.

Mor for making of his cloathis £2, 8s.

Moir for ane bonnet to the Laird and ane uther to James, with ane comb for Marie £3.

Mor for linning to James and Marie for sackis and approues £4, 1s.

Mor for cloath for stokingis to James £1, 12s.

Mor for ane pair of schoos to him £1, 2s.

Item 15 September 1652, for ane pair of schoos to James with ane other pair for Marie £2, 10s.

Mor for ane ell of small linning for Marie £1, 6s. 8d.

Mor for half ane ell of small linning to be bands for James 16s.

Item for ane ell of rownd linning for making of ane wast coat for Marie 13s. 4d.

Mor for schoes to the Laird and James £4.

Ane ell of small linning for napkines to the Laird £1, 10s.

Moir for tua ellis course linning for draweris for the lairdes breickis £1, 8s.

Mor for sundries—ane comb, ane knyf and prines for Marie £2.

Item for tua ellis Inglisch cleath for ane cassig to the Laird at £8 the ell £16.

Mor for silk and buttons for the cassig £3, 7s. 6d.

Item for 4 ellis course cloath to be ane cassik for James £4, 16s.

Item to ane tailyeor for making and dressing of the Laird James and Maria, with the lairdis padge ther cloathis from Witsonday 1652 till Witsonday 1653 £20.

Moir for schoes to the Laird James and Maria £7.

For ane ell of linning for handkerches to the laird £1, 4s.

Whether or no James was placed with my Lord Marquis at Inveraray, we have various accounts incurred by him in that place, 1654-55. The following are articles contained in them :—

Item for five duzen of buttones and ane byble	£6, 10s.
Item ane ell of holland, and a pener inkhorne	£5, 1s.
For ane casecombe with ane ell of ribben	15s.
For ane payre of gloves with 2 payre of band stringis	£1, 4s.
For 2 payre of shiveren gloves 16s. 4 ell of ribben with ane payre of slipperis	£2, 8s.
Item for a plyde to his man 22 Januar	£6.
Item for a book, containeing large and schorter catechismes Psalmebook solemne league and covenant, etc.	£1.

SIR HUGH.

Colin the Curator of his brother John feear of Cawdor, died in 1642, and was succeeded in the management of the Thanedom and Estate by his next brother George, who lived till after 1661. In 1653, died Sir John, their father; and in the following year John the feear, who had so long been secluded from the management of his affairs, died.

His heir was Hugh the eldest son of Colin the Curator. The young Thane's ward and marriage were bestowed by the King, in the year of the Restoration, on the Earl of Lauderdale, who, however, chose to hold them in the name of the Lord Duffus.

Warrant by General Monk.

These are to require you on sight heerof to forbeare to quarter any officers or souldiers in the House of Hugh Campbell Laird of Cawdell, and heerof you are to bee observant. Given under my hand and seale at Dalkeith the 13th day of March 1657.

George Monck.

To all officers and souldieris and otheris whome these may concerne.

Litera Alexandri Domini Duffus.

Charles, &c. witt ye us with advice and consent of our right traist cusigne and counsellour Johne earle of Crawfuird our principall thesaurer, to have given and disponed to our lovit Alexander Lord Duffus, the gift of the waird and nonentres of all landis, castellis, &c. quhilks pertained to umqu-

hile John Campbell of Caddell uncle to [Hugh] Campbell now of Caddell or to umquhile Colin Campbell eldest sone to the said umquhile John Campbell, or to umquhile Sir John Campbell of Caddell father to the said umquhyle Johne Campbell, in the right of any of his or their landis and heretages haldin be them of us be service of waird and releiff, and that of all yeares bygaine that the samyn hes bein in our handis, together with the said [Hugh] Campbell now of Caddell his mariage and haill profites of the samyn mariage, &c. Given under our privie seale at our court at Whytehall the sixth day of October 1660 yeares, and of our reigne the tuelf year.

I Johne Cullen Ylla Herauld collector appointed by Sir Alexandre Durhame Lord Lyon King of Arms his brethreine herauldis and pursevantis, grant me to haue receaved fra the right worshipfull Sir Hugh Campbell of Cadell knight, complet payment of all fees dues and casualties due or to be payed to my Lord Lyon for the honour of knighthood conferred upon him by his Majestie in the moneth of October last, &c. Att Edinburgh 6 Aprill 1661 yeires.

J. Cullen Ylla Herauld.

[From the Countess of Caithness.]

Honored Cosen

I haw receaved all your kind leteris for which I return you many thanks, and I disir the continuance of the sam favour from you, that when ye hav occation ye wold let me know such news as ye hav. Now when I hav tim I most tell you I am extramlie satisfied to hear ye are so favourably acepted of by that noble young Ladie whom ye honer. I expect by the nixt ye will let me know what lenth that busines is com. I cannot blam you if ye long for the accomplishment of it for I do it in your behalf. As for the pictur ye disir, its so far short of its fair principell that I think it is not worthe the sending, but since ye disir it, I shall do my best to get

it for you. Tanoch hath been hear thes too ore three days ending som busines with my Lord, but he hath not the book with him, but as soon as he goes home he will send it to me, and by the first ouik as it is ye shall get it from

Cosen

your affectionat cosen and servant

M. CAITHNES.

If ye dare under the nam of your mistris, I do by this disir you to present my humble service to L. Henret Stewert.

[CONTRACT OF MARRIAGE.]

At Dernway the 28 day of Januarie 1662 yeiris it is contractit betuix the honorabill persones efter nominat to witt ane nobill and mightie Earle Alexander Earle of Morray Lord Doun and Abernethie for himself and taking burdin in and upon him for Ladie Henrietta Stewart his lawfull sister, and the said Ladie Henrietta for her selfe on that ane pairt, and Sir Hugh Campbell of Calder knicht on that uther pairt, in maner as efter followes. The said Sir Hugh Campbell sall God willing marie and tak to his lawfull spousit wyiff the said Ladie Henrietta Stewart, and ather of them sall solempnizat and accompleis with others the honorabill band of matrimonie in face of holie kirk be words of the present tyme betuix the dait heirof and the day of nixtocome. In contemplatione of the quhilk mariage the said Sir Hugh Campbell faithfullie bindis him to sufficientlie infeft the said Ladie Henrietta his appeirand spous in hir pure virginitie in lyverent, and the aires maill to be procreat betuix them, in all and haill the tounes and landis of Over and Neather Ardorseires, togidder with all and haill the toun and landis of Belnagowne, and in the tounes and landis of Easter and Wester Delnies, and in the landis callit the Temple landis, togidder with the temple landis of Overcruik and Overbank in Ardorseir, and

in the toun and landis of Hiltoun of Rait. And also in respect that ther is not ane sufficient and competent dwelling house upon the said above provydit landis, in caice of the said Sir Hugh his decease at God's pleasour befoir the said Ladie Henrietta, therfoir the said Sir Hugh bindis him to build ane sufficient duelling house upon the saidis landis, sufficientlie furneschit with all roomes and accommodationes necessar and effeirand to the said Ladie Henrietta hir birth and place, and in the meintyme till the building of the said house, the said Sir Hugh sall infeft her in the house tour and fortalice of Calder. For the accomplishment of the quhilk mariage, and for the caussis befoir spoken off, the said noble Earle of Morray bindis him to pay to the said Sir Hugh the sowme of 9000 merkis at the terme of Mertimes 1664 yeires, in name of dote and tocher good. In witnes quherof they haue subscriuit these presentes with the double therof befoir these witness Mr. Francis Stewart laufull brother to the said noble Earle, Johne Stewart of Newton, David Stewart his brother commisser of Morray.

MORRAY.
HEW CAMPBELL of Calder.
HENRIETTA STEWART.

[FROM A. CUNNINGHAM, CHAMBERLAIN.]

RYTT HONORABELL

I haue seatt John Innes a work to meack the windowes redie, bot ther was one thing I omitted theranent quhich was to know quhat work your honor wold have done, and if all the windowes in the tower hall and the roum abowe shall be glessed both highe and loe or only bot abowe the midbar of the caise, quherof I desir to be informed by the first, and the windowes shall be last in meacking. The men ar entered to the calsay, and by the Lord's help I think all might be don that is prescrived, if you wer leim and if your honor be at leasour quhyll ye ar ther as to gae out to Dudistoun ye might have as much tyoul as wold serve all the hows, upon

troust, and a barck wold seik no money for hir fraught till she com heir, and we wald doe the best that could be to pay that heir. . . .

your honoris servant
A. CUNNINGHAME.

Calder Mearch the 15th 1662.
For the right honorabell
Sir Hew Campbell of Calder knight, these.

[JOHN FORBES OF CULLODEN TO SIR HUGH CAMPBELL.]

RIGHT HONORABLE

My Lord Broddy having spokin to me the other day at the buriall anent particular of the Ld. Glenmoristoune and Inches and wished me to interpose with Inches for a setling to the end that any compositioun which might bein hade sould have cum your ho. way, I doe profess this was the only caus why in a maner I insinuat my self in that affaire, wherupon a tryst is drawin on, and haveing spent the wholl afternoone yesterday in the close, even as we wer parting and sum of us cum a prettie way off, without so much as a cross word or the least occasion of offence offered, Glenmoriston with the number of 12 or 16 men which he hade all the tyme lyeing down in ane ale house neir the place, rushed foorthe upon the young man Inches just as he was takeing good night of the Laird and turnet him of his hors and hes caryed him presoner to the Heichlandis as wald appear, till they extort that from him by wiolence which freindis could easely have perswaded him to have gevin. This wikhed and barbarous kynd of procedour under pretext of freindship, and even whill freindis are traveling betuix them for ane accommodation sould (I think) be argument sufficient to perswade all gentlemen to recent it, and particularly your ho. selff; wherfor I have thocht fitt to give yow notice, knowing yow have influence upon these men, to the end your ho. may use your awne moyen with them and in your awne way, to gett the poore man releassed, who I hear say, wold been content to have made your selff or any honest man judge, to what satisfaction he sould

have given them. The sooner this be done the better for preventing of ther forther barbariety. I neid say no more, only the abuse is so gross, and the preparative of so bade a consequence as of itselff, it calles for the assistance of all good men, condigne punischment inflicted upon the offenders even to the terror of otheris who might offer the lyke againe, which looking for at your honoris handis, I remayne

RIGHT HONORABILL

your ho. humble servand

J. FORBES.

Cullodine 24 August 1664.

I am of oppinion that ther ar other in the conspiracie, notwithstanding all ther fair profession. No more of this at present.

For the right honorabill
Sir Hew Campbell of Calder knight, these.

FOR THE RIGHT WORSHIPFULL SIR HUGH CAMPBELL OFF CALDER, KNIGHT, THESE:

RIGHT WORSHIPFULL

I attended these men whom you promised to send to Urquhart and Glenm., bot have not as yet sein them. I spok a litle to my lord in reference to what is betwixt yow and him, and hee told me that I wes with yow for he markis my footsteps; and finding him jealous I was the moir cautious, only let as much drop as wes saiff and fair. I perceive by his instructions (so far as can be discovered) he hes a great goodwill for your affaires, and my humble advyse is, seing my Ld Duffus and his Lady is now at Castlestewart and they ar all good company, that your ho. may be at the paines as to give them a visite to day or to morrow or at your convenience, and your busines wantis bot your owne good countenance to begin it, and yowll fynd a good ending to all and other your concernmentis. And if I thought that my presence could add on cubite, yow want me not, I am near

and your ho. shall fynd me what I promesed to be. Honorable Sir, I heir my Ld Duffus stayes bot to day or to morrow at fardest, and if he be gone yowll miss a good second, therfore mak your visite the sooner.

Your ho. most affectionat and humble servant
J. MACKINTOSH.

25 Decr. 1665.

RIGHT WORSHIPFULL

Albeit I have bot litle spair tyme, as being to goe abroad this day, and I hear also that your ho. wantis not company on business, yet if you will bot pleise to hunt about the eist end of the wood of Kilraok, I will glaidly attend you be 1 or 2 in the afternoon and communicat thoughts with you upon what wes committed to me at last meiting, with what else hes interveened since. Pardon Sir my presumptioun in appoynting tyme and place thus, you know ther is no competition, and when I may, a good many myles will not scar me from waiting upon you, bot this tyme most I steall to day, quherby I may satisfie your ho. and gratifie in so doeing honorable

your faithfull freindly servant
J. MACKINTOSH.

Coull 25 Novr. 1667.

For the right worshipfull Sir Hugh Campbell of Calder Knight.

In 1660, Sir Hugh acquired the lands of Meikle Urchany and Lynemoir, part of the ancient inheritance of the Hays of Lochloy. In 1668 he purchased Moynes and Crachies from James Grant of Moynes. They had formerly belonged to the Dunbars of Cumnock, from whom they were acquired by John Grant of Logie, the father of James, in 1634. Flinesmoir, an ancient possession of the Thanes, was re-acquired by Sir Hugh, in 1669.

They were bestowed by Sir John Campbell and Dame Muriell of Cawdor, on their youngest son Alexander, whose son John, Commissary of Inverness, and afterwards styled of Moy, had Crown charter thereof 7th August 1590.

Item to Mrs. Hary for a sute ribbans 2 plain handkerchers and a roull according to her accompt £18, 12s.

Item to Andro Bruce for the goun and lace therto according to his accompt £129.

Item to David Boyd for the petticoat lace and furnisching according to his accompt £164, 10s.

Item to Mr. Litiljon for making goun and petticoat and some furnitour according to his accompt £33 ; drink money 18s. £33, 18s.

Item to James Edmonstoun for 3 ell scarlet ribben to ty the west at 2s sterling per ell £3, 12s.

Item to Lilias Campbell for the laced band and scarff and other particulars in her accompt £66, 19s.

Item for a sute of ribbens Mr. Coline bought with a silver edg, 7s. sterling £4, 4s.

Item to Mr. Coline quhich he gave to a post to cary Provest Grahames letter to yow, 1 dollor £2, 18s.

Item for a litle coffer to carry home the ladyis cloathes £2, 8s.

Item for a wallett that all wes put in and paper for dressing up the cloathes £1, 7s.

Item for 2 drop of colliflour seid at 12s. per drop £1, 4s.

&c. &c.

[From accompt of expenses, July 1669.]

Imprimis for a sadle and bridle with a covering and other thingis £30.

Item for wax 7s.

Item for tua quare of cutt paper 12s.

Item for ane quair gild paper 18s.

Item given by the gentilwomane for her chargis in carieing her home, 4 dolloris £11, 12s.

Item for a hat case to cary home your hat 12s.

Item to yourself in money when ye wes goeing north from the Parliament, 40 rix dolloris and 6s. Scots £82, 14s.

Item lost upon 324 legged dollors that wes among your money lyeing by me when they wer called doun to 56s. £32, 8s.

Item to Mr. Colin, 12 dolloris which he gave for your brother Donalds periwig £37, 14s.

Item lent to Fark upon your letter £66, 13s. 4d.

In Sir Hugh's own hand we have a memorandum of various items he wished his Edinburgh doer to send to him, 1670,

Item tua quilted night capes such as you sent me formerly.

Item ane pair shoes and slipperis for my selff, lairge and strong for the hilands.

Item ane pair or tua of cordivyn gloues.

Item ane pair of dark collored vorsted stokins lairge especially in the foot.

Item 2 or 3 largest quhyt hoods for my wyff.

Item two of the best small toothd combs of box wood for my wyff.

Item 2 or 3 pair quhyt chiverings for my wyff.

Item twa of the best and largest horn combs for my selff.

JOHN DUFF HIS COMPT WITH THE LAIRD OF CALDER, ANNO 1671.

Imprimis for thrie pund of carvie and candie	£2.
For ane box of marmelet of quinshes	£1, 16s.
For confected oreangis	£1, 16s.
For 4 lib. of ploumdamas	10s.
For 4 lib. rasingis	£1, 10s.
For 2 lib. currents	16s.
For 13 lymondis	£2, 8s.
For ane mutchkin of cannell water	£4, 16s.
Ane pynt and half mutchkin of brandie	£1, 16s.
Item 4 lib. tubacco	£4, 16s.

Ane dussen trunscheris	£1, 16s.
Ane salter	10s.
Ane lock and ane chek	£4, 16s.
For brunt wax	4s. 6d.
For tua pair bellis	6s.
For 3 quair paper	£1, 1s.
For ane peck peis	13s. 4d.
For thrie glasses	9s.
For the seller and wattir is	£24.
For schoes and stokinis to the chapplan	£4, 8s.
Item for thrie kowes, ane stott	£46, 13s. 4d.
Mair for ane sugar loaf weying 3 lib. 7 unce	£2.

Item contenit in ane other compt furneist by the compter for the lairdis hous for beir, wyne and other particularis £30, 3s. 10d.

Accompt, the Laird of Calder. (4 September 1669.)

1 loaf suggar weying 2½ lib. at 13s. 4d. per lb.	£1, 13s. 4d.
4½ chappinis winegar att 13s. 4d.	£1, 13s. 4d.
½ lb. tobacco at 15s. and 1 dozen dowble pypes at 4s.	19s.
8½ pyntes of seck at 30s.	£12, 15s.
8¼ pyntes of brandie at 40s.	£16, 10s.
23 Nov. 1669 1 lb. tobacco and 2 dozen of double pypes	£1, 18s.
6 Dec. 1669 1 lb. tobacco and 1 dozen dowble pypes	£1, 14s.

There was great consumption of tobacco, for every month there is one pound and sometimes two ordered, with pipes. Also frequent entries of sack, French wine, and brandy.

25 Novr. 1671, 2 lb. rasines at 8s. and 2 lb. currens at 10s.	£1, 16s.
2 lb. prowens at 4s. and ½ ounce mace at 9s.	17s.

Received be Hewgh Campbell 8 stean 10 lb. iron at 40s. per stean, payit heirof £10, 2s., restis £7, 3s.

25 January 1672. At your Ho. return from Borlum, ye sent a boy bak with me from the Millburne of Invernes for 3 chapinis French wyne and the bottell, cost 18s. £2, 8s.

27 January 1672. 2 Suggar loafes weying 5 lib. at 16s. £4.

1 ounce diapalma 4s.

Last February 1672. 2 loafes suggar weying 6 lbs. at 16s. £4, 16s.

2 lb. tobacco and 2 doz. single pypes £3, 6s.

24 March 1673. 5 pyntis 1 chappin and ¾ muskin Renish wyne at 30s. per pynt, £8, 9s. 10d.

Item be the Ladies letter which came for seck butt ther was sent butt 2 pyntis brandie £4.

Accompt the Laird of Calder to James Row. 22 September 1672.

6 ells floured lemon brocad at £9 per ell	£54.
3 ells and ane quarter lemon sarcenet at £3, 12s.	£11, 14s.
1 pair blos. peich silk stockines	£13, 6s. 8d.
3 great nails for ane hanging glass	£3, 6s.
2 maps, ane rouber with leid and one brush bussom	£2, 14s.
1 fine Codbeck hatt	£4, 10s.
1 stand of counteris	18s.
2 pair wyres	5s.
Payed for makeing the mantle	£1, 10s.
Payed for makeing the scravatt	6s.
Payed for ane dosen lemons and oranges	16s.
2 pair bairnes shoes	£3.
1 Janett muffe with a caice	£1, 16s.
2 whytt twilted capes	£1, 16s.
2 French codbeck hatts	£7, 4s.
1 pouther flask	£1, 16s.

16 ells silver cloath at 46s. per ell	£36, 16s.
7 ells fine stript heavie stuffe at £3, 12s.	£25, 4s.
1 quair guilded paper	13s.
2 smoothing irones	£2.
2 steiks of wax at 12s.	£1, 4s.
Payed for 5 printed papers	1s.
5 ells and ane quarter yellow cloath at 42s.	£11, 0s. 6d.
6 dozen liveray mandles at 6s. 8d.	£1, 16s.
1 dozen and 9 justicoats	5s.
13 ells and ane quarter black and yellow ribons	£2, 6s. 6d.
3 quarteris more of yellow cloath at 42s.	£1, 11s. 6d.
1 French hatt with ane ell yellow ribbens	£3, 4s.
61¼ ells liveray lace at 5s. 6d.	£16, 16s.
3½ ells new cole cloath at £13, 16s. 8d. per ell	£48, 6s.
3½ ells ritch floured brocad at £10	£35.
2 ells ritch silver and gold lace at £12	£24.
2 ps. wrought fancies at £13 ps.	£26.
2 ps. marrouer fancies at £8, 8s.	£16, 16s.
7¾ ells new cole · · · at £5, 6s. 8d.	£41, 6s. 8d.
2½ ells broadest yellow callecoe at 24s.	£3.
8 ells wrought purper fancies at 8s.	£3, 4s.
1 pair worstead stockines for your lecky	£1, 16s.
10 dozen silver and gold mandles at 22s.	£11.
6 ells 3 quarteris and ane halfe silver and gold lace £10	£68, 15s. 1d.
1 pair silk stockings new coler	£8, 8s.
1 fine black sword belt, black silk freinge	£12.
1 sword for a child at	£2, 2s.
1 sword belt	£3, 12s.

31 OCTOBER 1676, THE LAIRD OF CADELL HIS ACCOMPT TO WILLIAM LAW, GOLDSMITH IN EDINBURGH.

Clesps for a bybell	£4, 4s.
Mending a seill and the buckle of a belt	12s.
Two silver thimbellis to his dochteris	£2, 8s.
Two silver neidellis to them	£3, 16s.
Resting of the chaing of · · · pleat	£8, 3s.
A pair of shewbukellis	£4, 4s.
Clesps to a bybell	£4, 4s.
Item for mending a hinger to a belt and a clesp	£1, 4s.
Item for a sillwer seill with a bon heid and cuting	£6, 12s.
Item for a bige spun 7 unce 10 drop at £3, 12s. the unce	£27, 10s.
Item ane tanker 24 unce 12 drop at 3s. 8d. the unce	£84, 3s.
Item ane poringer 15 unce 3 drop at 3s. 8d. the unce	£51, 12s.
Item two tumlers 13 unce 1 drop at £3, 8s. the unce	£44, 8s.
Item for graving them	£1, 10s.
Item for two howps	£8, 8s.

THE LORDS OF COUNCIL TO CAWDOR.

SIR

Finding his Majesties rents and revenues for these last past yeires to come slowly in to his exchequer and fearing the like this yeir, wee have therfor by this thought fitt to give you notice that if punctuall payment be not made at the dyets appointed in the moneth of July ensueing of all is resting by you, the fourty pound of penaltie will not only be dewlie exacted for the whole yeires resting, but also your life rent escheits will be disposed upon to the best advantage for his Majesties use which we wish you may

prevent by makeing of timeous payment, for no ease or favor shall be showne therintill upon no accompt, it being so resolved by

your assured freindis

ROTHES.
KINCARDIN.
COCHRANE.

Edr. 6 May 1669.

For Sir Hugh Campbell of Calder
shirreffe of Nairne, these.

[CONTRACT FOR SALE OF BEAR.]

Att Edinburgh 14 January 1673 yeiris, it is agreed betuix Sir Hew Campbell of Calder and Robert Lermonth one of the present baillies of Edinburgh in maner following. The said Sir Hew hes sold to the said Robert, all and baill the number of 600 bollis bear good and callor sufficient merchant stuff of the growth of the landis and baronies of Calder Moynes and Artherseir of the crop 1672 yeiris, to be measured with the firlot wherwith the said Sir Hew is in use to receive the fermes from his tennentis. Which 600 bolls of bear being so measured the said Sir Hew bindis him to carie and transport to the ports and shoars of Nairne and Arthorseir upon his awin horsis and sackis and with his awin servantis, within the space of 14 fair work weatherlye dayes nixt efter his being advertised of the arryvall of the vessellis to be sent be the said Robert Lermont for transporting of the samyn, to witt, the number of 300 bollis at the port and shoar of Nairne, to be delyverit betuix and the 12th day of February nixt to cum, and the number of 300 bolls att the port and shoar of Ardorseir betuix and the 15th day of Apryll nixt therefter. For the which causes the said Robert Lermont bindis him to pay to the said Sir Hew the sowme of £4 Scots for ilk boll of the said number of 600 bolls, extending in the haill to the sowme of £2400 Scots. And the said Robert bindis him to send ane vessell to the said port of Nairne, and ane uther

vessell to the port of Arthorseir; lykeas the said Robert bindis him to tak in ane loading of lyme in each of the saids vessellis, and to deliver the samyn at the ports foirsaids, and that frielie without any expenssis or fraught to be payed be the said Sir Hew except the pryce of the lyme, quhich the said Sir Hew is to furnisch to himself, or to pay to the said Robert for the samyn as it is ordinarily bought and sold at the lymekillis wher the samyn is made. In caice any of the saidis vessellis be takin or sunck by men of War (as God forbid) in their returne with the said victuall from the saids ports, the said Sir Hew shall exact no payment of the said victuall that shall be takin or sunck. &c.

H. C. of Calder.
Ro. Leirmonth.

From the Earl of Aboyne.

Huntly, 27 May 1673.

Sir

Being informed that som men in your land hes tua stollen hogges belonging to a tennant in Strathawen, and that my Lord Huntlie his maister writ to you for redelyverie of the samyn ayther to the right onner or to him or them they received them from, to which (as I am told) ye sent over back ane answer to Capt. Gorden baillie in that pairt that the desyr of that letter should be obeyed, wherof as yet ther is noe performance. Therfor I entreat you caus answer my lordis letter to his mans satisfactione, whilk will oblige him and me in his absence to give you the lyk returne, if the lyk caice befall any of your tennantis be any within the bounds belonging to ayther of us. In the mean tyme I subscryve my self

Sir

your good frind and servant

Aboyne.

For Sir Hew Campbell of Calder.

FROM ABOYNE.

Aprill the first, 1674.

SIR

Being assured of your freindship and knowing your respect towards my Lord Huntlie, I must intreat you for a favor which I hop you will not deny me; which is, that the Laird of M^c intosh having bought my Lord Huntlies teithes of Badenoch against himself contrar to the diutie of ane wassall to his superior, and to pay for the samen with the money he expects from you; My earnest desyr is that you pay him noe money at all till a terme. And I oblidge my self to free you of all expence or damnadge you sall incur therby. And I conceive that by doeing soe, when M^c intosh comes to consider the bussines and his owne diutie mor maturlie, he will be much obliged to you for incapacitating him to committ soe extravagant ane actione besyds the favor you will confere upon

Sir

your humble servant

ABOYNE.

For Sir Hew Campbell of Calder.

FROM BRODIE (SIR HUGH'S UNCLE) TO THE LADY HENRIETTA.

17 Aug. 1674.

MADAM

Having a great desyr to know of your La. weilfar and the childrens, I have sent thes that I may know how you are, and if you have heard from the Lard since he arrived at his journeys end. I am feared you ar oure solitarie, and if your La. would be at the pains to direct your self and com this lenth, my son and my self should gladlie wait upon you. I hope the Lord will soe direct thes effaires which has cald him out, that you shall

not haue anie caus to feare. If I may be off anie use to your La. you shall not mor frielie command then I shall obey. If you be in health and your litle ones it shalbe great contentment unto

Madam

your La. most humble servant

D. BRODIE.

My Daughter in law presents her humble service to your La., and if she had strenth would be glad to wait upon you.

For the right honorable my Ladie Henriet Stewart Ladie of Calder.

FROM THE EARL OF CAITHNESS.

Castle Ottergil, October 11th.

HONORED CUSINE

It will be the 20 instant befor I can wait on you at your house. I heyr ye will then be at hom and that ye will lay yourself out to doe us what acts of friendship is at present in your pouer which will ever be acknowledged by me. And for this end I wish you may hav your thoughts how to mak your credit ansuer at Edr. again the terme, and I shall mak it evident to you, how it may be without your loss, and how ye shall be very speedilie reimbursed, wherby the world will see that its not easie to hurt us, notwithstanding of endeavours, seing our actions will be alwayes found legall and honest. It wer of great advantage to me, that you could be at Edr., but that is so great ane act of freindship, that I most subject it to your own consideration and condition of your health and affairs. I have ever studied to be as litle trublesome to my freindis as was possible for me and will still doe so, which I trust will mak them the readier to help at a lift, especialy it being without their own loss. I wreat this much to you because I can mak noe stay with you, I am so straitned with time to be at Edr. that ye may be the readier when wee meet. I remaine

your very affect. cusine and humble servant

CAITHNESS.

For the Laird of Calder.

FROM GLENURQUHAY.

Balloch 7 May 1675.

HONORED CUSINE

Seing your last was that ye would be on the 23d Apryl in Lorn I was uncertan wher ye was. I am as yet uncertane of my day of setting out but once the nixt week God willing I intend it and to be a nycht with you if your occasions withdraw you not. I am maiking all the preparation I can for my ingadgment at Mertimes and I doe not despair. I had been in Argyll. My Lord was then intending for Mull to sett it, but I expressly advysed him first to adjust the unnecessar scrouples which did aryse since our being ther, but he took it ill and sayd he should goe if it wer in a farie boat. I told him it was easie for him to goe to Douart now, and as easie to return, but he would do no great matters except to alarum and skarr the people if they wer not prepossest, which hes so fallen ont. He stayed ther 8 days, non came near him except old Torlosk. His own bailyies ther refused. He is returned, but is well pleased with his journay as he tells me in a letter, seing it seasonably discovers the M^{c} Leans humours, and that he finds ther is not natter in the house. But I think it most unseasonable and was as unnecessar. He hes called a meeting of his freindis, 26 instant, and hes given orders for all the birlins, so that our last years work is lost, except the house. No doubt you most be radie and will be called, but I am so great a complyer with the M^{c} Leans that I am a suspected person, and you will be better without me than with me. You will hear but too much of this in your nighbours mouths. You need say nothing. The day my Lord came to Douart, Brolos went to meet my Lord M^{c} donald who heads the pairtie. I am

Honored cusine,
your most affect. cusin and humble servant
J. C. GLENURCHY.

I am my Ladyes very humble servant. I here Colin hes been indisposed and I know then who was not well disposed.

For the Laird of Calder.

FROM THE LORD CHANCELLOR AND LORDS OF COUNCIL.

RIGHT HONOURABLE

Whereas by the 5th act of the secund sessione of his Majesties secund parliament, and the 17th act of the third sessione of that same parliament, you are ordered to call befor you both heretoris tennents and cottaris guilty of Conventicles, and to uplift the respective fynes exprest in these acts; and for your incourragement hath allowed to you the fynes of any persones under the degree of heretoris, and have apoynted you to be comptable to the Lords commissioners of thesaurie for the fynes of heretoris, and to returne ane accompt of your proceedings to his Majesties counsell yearlie under the pane of 500 merks. By which acts the Lords of Counsell findis that not onlie you are oblidged to uplift the fynes of any persone within your jurisdiction below the degree of heretoris, bot also to uplift the heretoris fynes, seeing the act of parliament oblidges you to be comptable therefor. And finding that notwithstanding of several ordoris and missives direct to you for executing the saidis lawes you have not done that dilligence which you are oblidged to doe by the saids lawes, therfor they doe heirby comand yow to proceed against the persones guilty within your jurisdictione both heretoris and cottieris, and to exact and uplift the fynes, and not onlie to give ane accompt of the fynes you have uplifted from persones below the degree of heretoris bot also the fynes of the heretoris, and to returne to his Majesties Privie Counsell ane exact accompt therof against the secund Thursday of Junii nixt, under the pennaltie contained in the Act of Parliament, certifieing you furder that if it shall be found you doe not the dewtie, and that if discoverie be made of any conventicles within your bounds against whom you have not proceedit conforme to law, the counsell will proceed against you with all severitie. This by order of Counsell is communicate to you by

your humble servant,
ROTHES CANCELL. I.P.D.

Edr. 6 March 1677.

For the shireffe principall of the shyre of Nairne or his deputts these.

FROM A MEMORANDUM OF INSTRUCTIONS WRITTEN BY SIR HUGH AT CALDER 10 APRIL 1677.

Item to cause deliver to my uncle the whole 3 yeir olds, the whole 2 yeir olds and the yeir olds, to be taken by his own hird as per the rental 1676, and taik his bond that he shall delyver me the lyke number of the lyke age upon the first of May 1680.

Item for my yeld cowes which are past 4 yeir old which ather are in my own bowes or which are boght be my storemaster for my behoof, it is my expres order that they be sold to Archibald Oig drover and to noe other, at the current pryces, as tennentis and other gentlemen doe generally sell their cattle.

Item for my 3 yeir old cowes, my 2 yeir olds and my year olds, I apoynt my storemaster to make ane scholl of the same, and to taike a convenient graseing for them, and setle them upon my expensis, I reckoneing not only the educt of my cowes, whither qwees or oxen stirks, bot my half of such stirkis or young cattel which have been boght for me by the stormaister or have anywayes fallen in to me, except the rentalled stirks allanerly.

Item that my storemaister cause putt my young stond horse to ane iland to the midle of May or therby, and then that he cause him serve such of the mears as have not coltis, and therefter putt him and the other 2 two yeir old colts in Iles or keep in grass on tathers, that all my young horses and mears be kept in good grass and be putt in speciall good condition against my comeing to the contrie which if God will may be upon the first week of Junii.

Item that my uncle James cause burn abundance of lyme and provyde all materialls timber sclate iron and cause win a number of good stones for building of my howse at Killorow, and quhen I come ther my self I shall bring measons with me to build it.

Item that ane exact list be made of my stood mears and herialds and ther followeris, and the horses of my own breed and herields, and such of the mears and herialds as are not fitt for my keeping be turned out of the stood, and sold at the best pryces, for quhich the stormaister is to compt.

Item that ye cause George Stewart transcrybe the rentall 44, which I have delyvered to yow that it may be a perpetuall standard for setting of the contrie.

Item that my uncle the bailyie tack great care to preserve the deer, the rabbetis and black cocks, and that he suffer noe persone of what quality soever or of what relatione soever to intermedle with them.

Item ye are to send the dairiemaid to look after my wifes cowes in this countrie.

Item that ye speak to Glenlyon, to Charles Stewart, the tutor of M^{c} nab, to Glenorchies uncles, to M^{c} conichie Ineraw, and speak to the baillyie of Jura, Ewin M^{c} charles M^{c} conichie roy and Alexander M^{c} alister roys son, and such others in Ilay and Jura as conveniently may catch and foster alse many young deer as possibly they may get, and about Lambes, I shall god willing send for them, and that they be more curious to preserve the hynd then the hart.

Sir Hugh to William Duff, Merchant in Inverness.

Calder, July 19, 1677.

Lo. freind

Pray be pleased with your first occasion to cause bring the goods undervrytin from Holland or quherever ellis ye cane most readily to me, to Inverness or Findorn, and the price of them shall be readily allowed you in our accompt.

Inprimis als much lead (not to be castin in caiks till it com hom) as can be bought for £200 Scots at Holland or England.

Item 3 or 4 dusson of bigg glass bottellis holding tuixt a pynt and a quart, and als many lesser bottellis holding pyntis or chapinis.

Item 50 or threescor handsom light muskett barrelis, quhich I mynd to stock and furnish at hom, for weapon gunnes to our watch and militia; let them not be too long nor too havy for a man to travell with his other

waponis, and bee of ordinar musket bor or rather less, bot the ordinar bor will be good.

Ane hundreth or two weight off gune pouder very good for the militia the watch and my foulleris use, and ane hundreth weight of small shott, the one half for murfull, the other halff of tuo sorts in equall pairt, one very great for veild geisse and roe and such lyk, and the other pairt pretty small for pluveris and lesser foullis.

Item als much fyn diaper or dornick cloth as will make 3 or 4 tabel cloths of 4 eln long a peic and a dusson napkinis to each table cloth.

Item som capers and olives and a litle quantite of anchoves. Upon these three exceid not the value off £20 Scots.

Item a dusson of the bottellis with very good vatter, iff they be deirer then brandy, use the least bottell, and quher off the brandie tak the biggest bottell. I expect ye vill cause follow and ansuer this my commission exactly, and place it to my accompt, quho am still

your real freind to my power

S. H. C. Calder.

In dorso.—Andrew Cunningham chamberlain to the Laird of Calder, acknowledges receipt from William Duff elder and younger merchants in Inverness, of "twentie barris lead, ane hundreth pundis shoat, two hundreth pundis pouther in four firkinis, ane double anchor sack, ane quarter cask brandie, sixtie muskett barellis in ane boxe, twentie fouling peeces, two hamperis with six dosen bottle glasses, seaventen Dutch ells off Dornick."

Subscriuit with my hand at Invernes 9 Decr. 1677.

A. Cunninghame.

General Hugh Mackay to Cawdor.

Hage the 18 Octobre 1677.

Much Honored Sir

I thought it a great misfortune that could not seperat so much of the litle tyme I stayed in Scotland from the service of my master as to

have waited upon you, and had the honour of your acquaintance, but I shall make it my bussiness hereafter not to be so ignorant of our own contrey as the absence of so many yeares hath left me hitherto, which was the raison that I did not know that I had the honor to be related to you. I had not tyme in Scotland to answer the lettre you did me the favour to vryt to me, for which I beg your pardon, and assure you that I shall consider Lieut. Petterson as recommended by a persoun for whom (though unacquainted) I have so great an esteeme, and shall alwayes wish for occasions whereby I can make it appear and how much I am

much honored

your most humble servant and affectionat cousin

H. MACKAY.

FROM LORD FORBES.

Castell Forbes, 22 November 1677.

SIR

I have been all this tyme expecting to have heard from you for an double of that contract of mariage of my dear daughter Duffus with Gordonston. I doubt not but you know the reason wherfor I would have it. Therfor iff you have not a double already by yow, gett the principall contract that was subscribed by both parties if it be yet lying in the Clerks hands, or then gett me ane band of provision to the child according to the contract of mariage, for to my best memorie the contract is for 16,000 merks at least. I am verie confident that Gordonston will not refuse this, for who ought to have the keeping of it but my self. Sir I will again and again expect and earnestlie entreat that you will bestow yourself and look after this for the kindnesse you had to your cousing my daughter who is now gone, you being so instrumentall in that mariage. I intend God willing (if it shall please the Lord to spare that child) to caus bring her heir in May efter shoe is weaned, for seing I haue no mor now for my daughter I must therfor look the mor carfullie after her representative. Sir I crave

your pardone for this truble I give you. This with my humble dutie to your Lady and my wife's to you both ; I ame

Sir

your most affectionat freind and servant,

FORBES.

Seing Gordonstone himself is not in Murro for the present but in Sutherland I think it fitt you wreat to him, for I know he will be as willing to give what I desire as I am to desire it.

For the Laird of Calder.

From a letter written by Sir Hugh at Elgin, 13th December 1677, to his Edinburgh Agent, Mr. John Campbell, Writer, we learn that Sir Hugh had despatched his confidential servant Dugall Campbell to treat with Mr. Wanbruch, a mining adventurer, anent the Lead Mine in Islay. Sir Hugh thus continues :—

I desyr ye may mak ane list off my debtis, for I purpose to tak all the readiest wayes to clear my affairis. I find my selff infirm and unable to goe about bussines as I used to doe, and therfor think fitt to contract my affairis that quhen it pleases God to call me I may leaue matiris als clear as I can : and in this be very exact and heast it to me.

For my children, I inclyn not to alter them befor Merch, and iff I see it fitt quhen I see them to leave them longer at Edr. Its lyk I may change them bot for a litle quhyll ; changing vold rather put them out of ther road. Iff I fynd Maggie ane extraordinar player on the virginellis she sall have an pair of the best harpsecordis that Ingland can afford, and therfor lett hir tak much panis. I do not fancy the viol de gamboe, the siter or kittarr is mor proper.

Acquaint me what's doeing and don in my Lord Argyll his affairs. Ye wryt ower short of Caithnes olim Glenurquhay his affaires. Pray quhen ye writ, spair no paper nor panis bot let me heir often from you, for not to complement, I love to read your letters. Tell me of all stories great and small at hom and abroad.

FROM DONALD, SIR HUGH'S BROTHER.

. . . I am heartilie sorry for my kynd freind the Erle of Seaforth his death, and the honest Mr. of Rae. Befor I came from Argyle the shirreffe wes come home, and so wes Arkinleis. My Lord hes gotten M^c lean of Lochbuy his hous to garrison, and so hes the Laird of Coll and his freindis done the same. M^c guiry of Ulva and Charles M^c allin and his children are come in to my Lord. All the tennents of Mull and Morvan for most pairt have come in under protection, delyvered up theire armes and are entered in payment of the rents. My Lord hes sent away the laird of Lochinell and a commanded pairtie of 300 men, wherof 150 of the kings pairtie, to Terie to take possession of the yle and disarme the people. Its hoped be this tyme they are returned with succes. Brollas is in Kairnbulg with a matter of 40 men with him, quher yee know he cannot stay long, the quarters is not very good, neither hes he any provision. Ardgour and Kelldochalin stand out and keep out the hous of Kelldochalin, but the reason why both they Brolas and Turlushk have not come in as the rest, is ther great intromissions with the bygon rents, which my Lord will not discharge, yitt its expected they will all come in mercy. Lochell is obleiged to bring in most of them, iff not willingly, by force. My Lord had a great confidence in your people of Yla as the prettiest boldest and sickerest men he hade, and truelie he had a very great care of them quherever he wes, both in Lorn Appin and Mull. They were indeed for so many the most terrible to the M^c leans, but your uncle James and your cousing John of Airds mismanadged all in the hinderend, for efter they had keeped them ther seven weekes, they dismissed them home without so much as telling my Lord of it. Yee will get great complaynts from the shirreff upon James and John. I have already written to my Lord and made ane apologie in your vindication and told that it wes contrare to your expres ordor. Pray yow doe the same. The erle of Caithness hes hade no man ther, and my Lord is weel pleased that he hes not been troublesome to him, but of this mor at meeting. M^c donald hes not compeired upon the citatioune given him, but be

the contrar the herauld wes deforced and his herauld coat taken from him. The execution of the deforce is sent up to the king. Ther wes a comitee of the counsell satt yesternight upon him. Yee may be confident they'le take a severe course with him. I take notice that the Laird of Achinbreck is in suite of L. H. L., but I find a reluctance. My opinion wes asked, I waved it. Its probable ther wilbe ane expres at you shortlie to ask your advyse. As for other newes ther is none since the adjournment of Parliament, quhich hes putten all England in a great consternation. The shops of London wer not opened for many dayes, the streets are crosse chained in the night tyme, constantlie 2500 men upon guard within the town. What the Lord will bring out of thes things is best knowen to himself. I have no other newes that I dare comitt to paper, leist it should miscarry and I be mistaken.

Your children blissed be God are weel. I entreat yow writte to Mistres Hutchieson who is a very discreet woman and is very anxious to have them profeitt. I have discharged ther going to ballis any mor, bot allowes ther master, to keep them in mynd of ther dancing, to come tuyse a week to ther chamber. I sie them now once every day and shall do God willing as long as I am in town. Mr. John and I hes got payment of your drovers till a hunder pounds Scotts, and I assure you wee thought our selves very fortunat in getting of it, for they ar totally broke, 20,000 merks worse than nothing. Provest Grahame is lykwayes broke and is disponing all he hes to his creditors, and in a word I suspect ther wilbe no merchant the nixt yeir to buy a beast.

your owin affectionat brother to serve yow.

Edinr. 2 Janry. 1679.

For the right honorable the Laird of Calder thes.

The books of King's College bear that *Alexander Campbell, junior a Calder*, matriculated in 1677, *sub regimine Magistri Joannis Buchan*. He appears not to have taken a degree.

FROM MR. JOHN BUCHAN, REGENT IN KING'S COLLEGE, ABERDEEN.

K. C. Feb. 10, 1679.

RIGHT HONORABLE

I cannot but witness my selfe alwayes better and fully satisfied with the attendance deportment and proficiencie of your ho. sone, and I dout not but upon tryell your ho. will find that I give a true and just character of him. He is abundantly capable of learning and non in the class take up and understands the propositions of geometrie and nicities of logik mor redily and easily than he. Both his men ar good lads and good scholers and I hop will prove usefull and good men. The mor tryell your ho. hes of M^c^anguis I hop you shall be alwayes mor satisfied with him and believe that I was neither precipitant nor partiall nor unjust in the account and representation I geve your ho. of him. I may say your ho. sone is provided with an governour sufficiently cairfull diligent and discreet. I shall be verie happie in waiting upon your ho. at this place in March or Aprill, and it wold be exceding good and usefull for your sones breading that he should stay here a good pairt of the vacance, for we can mak recreations to him without diverting his thoughts from his studies. But in all that affair and in every thing your ho. shall command

Right Honorable

your ho. most obliged and most obedient servant

JO. BUCHAN.

I can add nothing to the account of news conteined in M^c^ anguis his letter.

To the Right honourable the Laird of Calder, these.

The draft of a letter from Sir Hugh to the Countess of Caithness, of date April 1679, written probably to dictation by Sir Hugh's chaplain or lawyer, very lengthy and full of compliment, affords the following extract:—

COPIE LETTER TO THE COUNTESS OFF CAITHNES.

It wer more then tyme to give your La. a returne to your last so kinde and obleidging letter, and I may justly be censured for not doeing it befor

this tyme, and yet I am confident my apologie will be more unease to your La. quhen ye read it then my omissione wes offensive, and not to trouble you with a long narratione of quhat (I am verie confident) will be unpleasant, I shall only tell that till Mr. Alexander his returne from Caithnes, and a quhyll therefter, wee wer in this countrey so alarmed with the Highland armies that I minded nothing els, he sending one almost everie day to bring me word quhat they wer doeing, and the truth is I wes not without some anxiety quhen I considered all things, but looked (as did many more) for worse then fell out, although the progress that is mad in that affair be but small.

I wes then verie ill troubled with that painfull tumor in my knee, but since that tyme it hes encreased so upon me and often and almost dayly put me in so violent pain that many a tyme death with God's favor throw Christ wold have bene a welcome messenger. In this conditione I have bene all the last winter, and the moneth of March wes rather worse. I blesse the Lord I am at present in some better condition, but a cold troubles me as much as ever, and this hes mad me that all this quhyll I have not wryten a lyne to any, not so much as to ordor my factoris how to ordor my affairis quhich wer but litle upon my thoughts. And this (Madam) is all my apologie and excuse, and had it not bene so with me, I wold not willingly have bene so void of discretioune and civility, and much less so ungratefull as not to have returned my humble and affectionat acknowledgment of your La. so singular expressions of kindnes to me and myne.

I purpose (if the Lord will) to goe once in May to the Bathes, and I know not but I may goe from that to France if I be able to travell, and that I find encouragement and any ground to expect a remedie ther, though many quho wish me well are against it, and I am but moderat in my owne expectations of the success of my voyage, but God is able and will tryst me with means and make them effectuall if he see it better for me.

I cannot but give your La. my verrie cheerful and hartie thanks for the good opinion you have of my poor child Meg. and will easily acknowledge that your affectione to and intrest in us makes you value her and her parents beyond our merite.

I sould think myself and my daughters verie happie if your La. wold

please to take the waird of all ther mariages. I have thrie or four of them, and its lyk I may leave this world befor many (if any) of them be maried. The youngest of them I called Marie efter her ant and your La. She is as prettie a childe as I see any quher. I did long ere now designe her for your La. service and that your La. (if you wold take that trouble upon you) sould dispose on her as your owne. My eldest is but verie young, and if I wer healthfull and in hopes of long lyf, I wold not wish to see her maried for some yeiris to come, but as maters stands with me I wish I wer contract with suitable matches for them all alse well the youngest as the eldest before Quhitsunday '79, and I resolve to doe as much to gett them well and creditably setled as any Scots man circumstantiat as I am, yet I think that project your La. hes for Meg cannot hold or take effect. I believe his affairs ye mentione may need more money then I can spare, and yet I doubt not but she may get one of better estate and much more merite then myself with quhat I resolve to bestow upon her, and at this distance I shall say no more upon this subject, but I am debtor to that family for a good wyfe and a competent portion, and really I sould think quhat I could spare (without incapacitating myself to doe duty to the rest of my children) alse well bestowed that way your La. projects as any quher in Scotland, and wold preferre your La. project befor severall other overtoris quhich (under the rose) are mad to me even by some of the same quality. This is a subject fitter for discourse then wryting, being so distant, but quhen I have the good fortune to wait on your La. I shall use a perfect freedom, and quhat ever follow, though I sould never hear more of the mater, as indeed (if it sould break either of us by my giving too much or his getting less then he needs) I desyre not, I shall ever acknowledge your La. obleidging kindnes and favor, and yeeld my self a debtor to it as being (setting aside all complement) in all sincerity

Madam

Your La. most faithfully affectionat and obleidged cousene and servant.

My wyfe gives her humble service to your La. and she and I both of us are my lords humble servants.

I am verie much troubled to hear the Earles of Argyll and Caithnes are

in litle better terms (if not worse) then they wer quhen I wes at Balloch. I perswad my self its a grief to your La. and that ye doe all ye can to have it otherwayes; it makes their comon enemies rejoice and may in tyme give them too much reason. I pray God give us a better token for good and of his favor towart us then this of our divisiones. If I wer able to travell I wold be verie importunat with them both. Your La. is nearer to both and abler to perswad them to love and onness, and I hope and beg your La. may never give it over till ye prevaill.

I wes exceedingly rejoiced quhen the Laird of Grant told me your La. wes safely brought to bed of a boy, and one the way of recoverie. I blesse God for it, and pray God make you thankfull and that your lyfe and the childs may be long and happie and be to his praise.

I am my Ladie Isabella's faithfull and humble servant.

To William Duff.

Arderseir, Aprile 16th, 1679.

Much respected

Yow will be pleased to get tuo terces of your best wine aboord of Thomas Couper in Findhorne his boat, quho will cary it this lenth; and give him lykewayes six or eight bolls of salt; but let your wine be verie good, otherwayes send it not. And if ye please to come out yourself, I long to see yow, quhich is all at present from your verie loving freind to my power

S. H. C. Calder.

For his much respected William Duff merchant in Invernes these.

FROM SIR HUGH TO Mc ANGUS—HIS SON'S TUTOR AT COLLEGE.

Calder, Aprile 28, 1679.

LOVING FRIEND

All this winter and till it past the middle of Aprile wes so sharp and cold that I wes not able for my sore knee to goe abroad. Thir 10 or 12 dayes past I wes so taken up with putting my victuall to sea, that I minded litle other busines and even forgot Alexander and yow among the rest. But now being at some leasure to think of yow I have sent this bearer express to tell yow that (if God will) upon Fryday the 2d of May Ile take journey for Aberdene and hope to be with yow upon Wednesday or Thursday therefter, quhich I believe will be about the end of your quarter. The greatest reasone that drawes me thither is to thank the masters for the speciall care and kindnes quhich you tell me both the Principall and all the Regentis have showen to my sone. I intend if I find that he hes profitted well to setle him ther for the most part of this vacance and to give him all the encouragement that he can wish for. I rest

your loving friend

S. H. C. CALDER.

DAVID FORBES TO SIR HUGH.

. . . . The west countrey men being about seavin thousand strong have succumbed the 22 of this moneth, with the loss of seavin hundred killed and twelve hundred prisoneris and the rest all put to flight shamfullie, and such of them as wer persones of anie fortunes and wherof accompt could be gotten to the number of 40 or 50 ministeris and otheris ar this day intercommoned. The Duik his success in this affaire hes rendered him universallie favourable. He hes entered the town this day with resolutiones to goe immediatly for London in order as is thought to the tryall of the matter betwixt the D.D. of Hamilton and Lauderdaill; the late Register and Sir John Cunninghame being sent for amongst some others by express, are gone for London in order to the debaiting the poynt in law.

Edinr. 26 June 1679.

THE LORDS OF COUNCIL TO THE SHERIFF.

RIGHT HONORABLE

The Councill haveing received information of the broken condition of the Highlands, and what danger his Majesties good subjects are exposed to by theives and robbers, have thought fitt to order three hundred comanded foot and one hundred dragoones to be sent to the shyres adjacent to the Highlands to guard the passes and braes from Dumbartoune to Southerland and to seize upon the theives and robbers that they may be brought to justice, off which the Councill has ordered you to have nottice, and to desyre you to conveen some of the noblemen and gentlemen most concerned and to give opinione to Generall Dalyell Livetennent gennerall of his Majesties forces how the said number of forces shall be divyded and where and how they be most convenientlie lodged and provyded with necessaris. And you are hereby authorized and requyred to cause the shyre or such number therof as you shall think fitt, to concurr and joyne with his Majesties forces for suppressing and apprehending these theives and robberis and thair resetteris as you shall find cause or be requyred by the comanding officer. Signed in name and by warrant of his Majesties Privie Councill by

your humble servant

ROTHES CANCELL. I. P. D.

Edr. 10 Sepr. 1679.

For the Sheriff Principall of the shyre of Nairn or his deputtis These.

The writer of the following letter does not sign his name. It is dated at Edinburgh, 24th September 1679. It is lengthy, and is here abbreviated.

RIGHT HONORABLE

I delivered yours to Deacon Wilson Gunsmith with the fourscore merks sent mee to him in part of payment of sixty locks, quherof your ho.

has received four and twenty, but the rest will be ready within six weeks Also he hes delivered to the bearer 100 flint stons of the best sort that could be gott at present.

I delivered Joseph Broady his letter, who told me that Finlay the gardiner who engaged to goe north with your honour, hes hyred himself with Sir James Stewart, and soe will not goe North on any accompt.

I have noe news att present, but what I writte your ho. last week per Cullodins son John, whom ere this come to your hands I hope is with you. There is a rumour goeing that the Duke of Monmouth will not goe abroad; the city of London having represented to his Majesty that they did not see how his Majesty could be in safety without him, and if [he] did goe abroad, it was not thought convenient he should stay long. But the nixt post will bring the certainty of his goeing abroad. It makes a very great noyse aboue, and some reports are goeing that the prentices in London is in armes and the city guards and traine bands are doubled. The Duke York ere now is said to be gone for Flanders. The ellections of Parliament men is now done and over, and great hopes are that all of them are good countrymen. But whither they will continue sitting after the first meitting day is much doubted and feared. I heare nothing what our Scots noblemen is doeing aboue. But Duke Hamilton is all this while at the Baths and its not fitt for me to writte every report that's goeing. I heare of nothing of moment donne our last Councill day here, only some six or sevin licences given to Presbeterian ministers to preach, amongst which Mr. Geo. Johnstoun was one, which had a great debate in Council and occasioned some very hott words twixt the Chancellor and Hattoun, and it was past against Hattoun's will, upon which he consults with the K. advocat Sir G. M^{c} kenzy and intents a sumonds of high treasoun at his instance against Mr. Geo. What it will turne to I cannot tell, but it's hoped Mr. Geo. will come safe off. There was also read in Councill two letters, the one concerning the Duke of M. goeing abroad, and his commission of Generall taken from him, and the other about the Major generall Lithgow, both which places are now vacking. I hear of nothing that condescended to be done with the prisoners as yet.

On Sunday last the Lord Chancellor, E. of Queensberry, Lord justice

generall and others beeing at Leith in company togither, there hapened some sharpe words twixt Q. and Justice generall, and att there out comeing the Justice generall did offer to take the door first, upon which Queensberry starts befor him, and told him to stand back, and that it was not his due to take the place of him, which occasioned a great debate, and imediatly Q. appealls him to the combatt nixt day and appoints both place and 2d to himself, viz. the E. of Dalhousie; the other did choose Meldrum. But the Chancellor being present all the tyme, sent nixt morning or that night, and caused arrest them at there Lodgeings, and soe that combat was taken upp.

There is an incident that hapened at Inverary last week, that one John Lilly my lords garner killed on Scott (a sutor to the Lady) overseer or greive to the works about the hous, who is fled and made his escape, and its alledged that John Barclay stewart ther had privatly conveyed him away and advanced him mony, for which he is now pannald and lyeing in the irons att Inverary. Robert Ross baily there is said had a hand in putting him away and is likewayes in prison. I have not heard what my Lord is doeing since he went to Mull. Enclosed is a coppy of a proclamation published last day, which is all at present to trouble your honor with from

Right Honorable
yours to serve to power.

I have pd. for the wallatt 11s.
To the bearer for his expences £1, 9s.

For the right honorable Sir Hugh Campbell of Calder.
At Caldor these present.

From Sir George Mackenzie.

Right honorable

I thank you for your kind letter. I wish you joy of that young Lady and continuance of what you have in her mother.

The great changes of late by the takeing of the D. of Mon. commission from him hath long since come to your knowledge; the effects none heir,

and I presume few elsewhere doe yett know, but wee have good news of the loyall disposition of London, and the peaceable inclination of the countrie. Its still said that the D. of Y. will goe beyond seas againe after the D. of M. is gone, who is to goe to Hamb. Heir matters are as you left them, and I am still

Sir

your affectionat humble servant

Edr. 24 Sepr. 1679. GEO. Mc KENZIE.

My wife presents her service to my Lady, and many thanks for herr God-daughter. Shee is still as you left her.

For Sir Hugh Campbell of Calder these.

FROM MR. WILLIAM Mc ANGUS.

Aberdeen, 21 November 1679.

RIGHT HONORABLE

I have bein so much ingaged to your ho. and honorable familie that all the service I or my sone ar capable to performe ar but too little in recompence of your ho. favor, and althoghe your sone wer not the sone of such a father, his merit and behaviour is such as to extort service and civilitie from straingers. As for my self and sone, his humor hathe so ingaged us to his service that ther is nothing we will faill in for his profitt and progresse in his studies, and if the sitting doun of the Colledge hade not called for his attendance, by this time he should have advanced so farr in the French as to have assaulted you by ane epistell, but thoghe he be in the old Toune, we will not faill to keip him in memorie of that he hathe acquyred alradie, and cause him mak als gryt progresse as his spair tyme can allow. I have now and then the occasion to discourse with him on his other studies wherin he gives very much satisfaction as to admeir his capacitie, all which is knowen to his maister and governour who ar exceiding cairfull of his weill being and education, and it is probable if we be furnished and accomodat with your ho. horses againe the tyme he cum home, my sone and I may give him the convoy to Calder and your ho. the

trouble of ane visit, to discourse about the old sore knee once yett before the application of phisick. I shall add no more but my respects and humble service to your honorable Lady and familie, and shall asshur you ther is nothing shall divert me from testifieing my self

Right Honorable
your most obedient and humble servant

Mr. Wm. Mc [angus.]

From J. Fraser (Sheriff-clerk ?) of Inverness.

Right worschipfull

I have sent you these two men which ar alleged to have robbed your servant, to doe with them as it pleases yow, according to my promise. As for information I have examined your man who was wronged, and he declared in presence of others that were not one of them called Hector, he hade been killed. I suppose some persones from sinistrous ends have aggravated that business, on which I will not discant, till I see yow. One of the persones hath not carried as I would have them, but the other called Hector hath carried as I would have him. The shirref of Inuernes hath this day called them for this effect, and ther was none to compeere to say ought against them, upon which they were *pro tempore* absolved. Seing the mater is referred to your self altogether, if ye thought fitt I wish ye wold write to the shireff to desiste from that pursute. Ye may likewise acquaint me what ye have done with the Chissolme. I am

Right Honorable
your humble servant

J. Fraser.

Inuernes 26 Nov. 1679.

For the right honorable Sir Hugh Campbell of Calder, these.

The following extracts are from an account of John Campbell, one of Cawdor's Edinburgh doers, anno 1679:—

Imprimis paid to your daughteris to buy stockins £1, 12s.
Paid for 2 pair laced shoes to them £5, 16s.
Item paid to James Pendrich for a pair of virginalls £66, 13s. 4d.
Item to Mr. Chambers for teaching Mrs. Margaret a quarter of the violl de gambo £18.
Item to Mistres Brody for the childreens use £1, 4s.
Item to Mistres Campbell for two quarteris buirding of your doughteris £252, 8s.
Item of drink money to the servants when they left Mrs. Campbells £2, 18s.
Item to Mr. Chambers for a quarteris teaching on the violl de Gambo £18.
Item for a musick book to Mrs. Margrat £2, 14s.
Item for two bibles to them £15, 12s.
Item paid to Mr. Devo £22.
Item to them to give the prissoners £5, 16.
Item to them to pay for mounting your cabinett £48.
Item paid to an apothecary for severall thingis when Mrs. Jean was seik, and to Mrs. Margrat and her when they left this £15.
Item to your doughteris att ther goeing to the baall to buy necessaries £5, 12.
Item to them when they entred to the paistry £5, 16s.
Item debursed for the childreen at the baall £3, 8s.
Item to James Pendrich per receit £30.

. . . .

As a specimen of many such transactions, the following Contract is given:—

At Edr. 8 Apryll 1680 yeiris, it is agreed betwixt Sir Hugh Campbell of Calder and Walter Scot of Langhope and John Thomsone in Flatt. The

½ ell fine dito for canons to your breeches	15s.
10½ doz. fine black Inglis buttounis at 6s. the doz.	£3, 3s.
4½ ells fine vermilion for a wescoat at 32s. the ell	£6, 6s.
10 ells floured stuff for a nightgoun at 4s. sterling the ell	£24.
7½ ells chesnet at 36s.	£13.
1 fine trait Codibeck hatt	£6, 6s.
3¼ drapteberrie at £9, 12s.	£31, 4s.
1½ ell plush velvet at 11s. sterling the ell	£9, 12s.
5 duz. large silver and gold buttonis at 28s. duz.	£7.
For caryeing your trunk to Leith	8s.
1 large buff belt 11s., and changeing the old silver buckles	£11, 11s.
2½ ells staine gray cloath to Lauchlane £8 the ell	£20.
7 duz. mandle buttounis	£2, 2s.
July 23.—	
2¾ fine drapteberry cullr. cloath at £13, 4s. the ell	£36, 6s.
4½ ells taby at £4, 4s.	£18, 18s.
3½ ells rich silver and gold ribenns at 6s. sterling the ell	£12, 12s.
1 pair large silk stockinis	£8, 8s.
2 silver and gold hattbands to yourself and sonne	£16.
1 black Inglis hatt	£15, 12s.
1 sticht silver belt	£3, 12s.
1¾ cherry ribenn to your sonn	£1, 15s.
Aug. 2.—	
2⅓ ells fine grey cloath to Lachlane at 18s. sterling the ell	£27.
4 ells yellow cloath at 34s.	£6, 16s.
3 ells holland for sleivis to your sonn	£9, 12s.
Nov. 12.—	
For my expences the tym I was with your sonn at London	£12.
For a sadle	£5, 16s.

Other items inform us of black suits, of "your shergedenin suit," of campyn coats, of stone gray suits, of Lachlan's blew colored clove suit, of the lifra boyes suits, "your honors lifra mans suit" (fitted up with laces and points), of the page's kelt coat and breeches, "your honors arragone cloack," &c.

[ANONYMOUS, THE HAND RESEMBLES SIR GEORGE MACKENZIE'S.]

SIR

I hope the test is now so explained in its true sense, that no Protestant will scruple, and you know I scruple to call fanaticks protestants. In your particular effaire I have promoved it as much as I could. The man is slow but sure, and the due encouradgments shall not be wanting, when occasion puts them in my hand. There is no newes. What concerns the E. of Argyle I know you will have from other hands, and these are subjects I desyre not to writt off. Its lik this effaire may draw you hither shortly, so I shall say the less till then. You have ane agent heir who never tynes a letter. Mr. Barclay never slips ane opportunity. Adieu.

22 Novr. 1681.

FROM THE EARL OF PERTH.

Edr. 23 Novr. 1681.

SIR

I delayed sending you any letter untill now that I might know the better what to say, and now I will assure you I have no doubt but that your matter will doe, tho at present there is some other busines that delays the so vigorous prosecution of it as was expected. I hear you are cited to be here sometime about Christmass. If you wold be pleased to sett out somewhat sooner than you intended, and bring the matterialls for finishing the matter, wee have so much talkt of with you, I doubt not but that you should find it worth the while. I have done you right in all you proposed to me, and shal always do so as you know is the duty of

Sir

your affectionat cousen and humble servant

PERTH.

For the Laird of Calder these.

[FROM THE YOUNG LAIRD AND HIS TUTOR.]

Poitiers, Dec. 10th, 1681.

RYGHT HONORABILL

I wreat to your ho. Novr. fourth, that the want of a professor off the law would make us leave Blois shoner then we inclyned. I had advice from this that the professors of the law were to begin both ther publick and privat lessones (quhich begins bot once a year) and I was loath that your sone should misse them. We came here a fourthnight agoe. Your sone is bussie at the law, has a good professor as in France, no Scots men here but quho are students of the law and most serious at it. Sir J. Fouls sons and ther governor follow the same studie, and is verie helpfull to your sone, as the young gentlemen are exemplarie, soe that I am shure his heart cannot wish greater advantages for studie than he has, and I hope he shal answer quhat may be expected of such an oportunitie. He takes no exercesse here, bot fencing for his recreation. He could have more, bot they will deverte the mynd too much from studies, quhich is first necessar, and afterwards he may learn his exercesse at Paris. He writts his dictats with his own hand, quhich he is necessitat to doe, tho it will againe spoil his writte. He did proffit admirablie well at Blois in evrie thing. He speaks fare better than those quho has been here six moneth before him. The commonaltie here does not speak soe well as at Blois, but we can have occasion to speake with non bot such as speaks the best of French. The ministers here are verie civell to us and desyrous off our conversation. We resolve to be acquainted with some Protestant gentlemen here, and to converse only with them and the ministers quho are brave men, and truly tho we have reason to regreat ther persecution here, yet we may reap benefit by it, for ther is now nothing bot seriousnes among them, and murmuring for ther bygone missespent tyme. It is chaper living here than at Blois but not soe pleasant, yet the aire is good enough. I am

Ryght honorable

your ho. ever obedient servant

ROBERT CAMPBELL.

RIGHT HONORABLE

In obedience to your ho. commands, these are shewing I am in good health, and very well situate here as to my studies and I trust in God neither to neglect this opportunity nor frustrat your ho. expectation. I goe to the scools twice a day in the forenoon to private lessons, and in the afternoon to the publicke. My master (who is a Scots man) is very painfull and ready to serve his countrey men, especially if they be of the Popish religion (from which the Lord deliver me) for he is greatly bigotted that way. He is numbered amongst the best masters for the civill law in France. I long to hear from my Lady and my bretheren and sisters. I cannot writte at this time, therfore I presume to pute your Ho. to the trouble of presenting my humble respects to them. I am

Right honorable
Your ho. most obedient son and humble servant
AL. CAMPBELL.

The Ryght honorable Sir Hugh Campbell of Calder.

ACCOUNT WILLIAM LAW, GOLDSMITH IN EDINBURGH, 1681.

Item for a pair of goold butens £9, 18s.

Item received ane old whisell 2 unce, and I have delivered ane new one four unce at 8s. sterling the unce, so ther is resting to me £13, 4s.

Item ane lairge poringer 15 unce and 10 drop at £3, 8s. the unce £53, 6s.

Item the maiking ane litell poringer 6 unce 4 drop is £2, 10s.

Item aded to a staf heid 3 unce 2 drop and a half at £3 the unce £9, 10s.

Item for maiking the staf heid and grauing two scills and other grauing £9, 10s.

Item for the virrell to the fuit of the stafe £1, 4s.

At the foot of the above Sir Hugh addresses Mr. John Campbell, writer in Edinburgh, thus: "Lo. cosen, this compt is dear, as is all the rest of his work. Prig down all you can."

FROM BRODIE OF LETHEN.

Lethin 13 Janr. 1682.

I HAUE lytill to wreit to you but to showe you that your Ladie and childeren ar in health, and lyckwayes to presum to quarrell with you that you wold not com in my way, or elss sent me word to have meat you at Moynes and albeit I should haue croupin so far I wold haue satisfied my selff as to haue takine my liue off you, for the Lord knows if euer we may meit togither in this syd of tyme. It is trou I can be of noe usse to you now, bot you shall ever be accompanied with my best wisses. We haue no newes heir bot that the clargie generalie scroupled much at the teast, bot the Bishop by his kyndnes and wisdom hes ganed most of them. Ther ar onlie ten or tuelff of them that stand out, and it is lyk ye may haue influence on them as yett. Mr. Ja. Urchertt is werie waick and ther is bot lytill houpes of his recouerie. I wold be werie glad to heir of your weilfear. The Lordis blessing to be with you and his sperit to direck you is the ernest desyre off him who is

your affectionat cussein and servant til I am

A. BRODIE.

For the Laird of Calder thes.

[ANONYMOUS.]

The 14th January 1682.

SIR

Haveing the occasion of your own servant, I have wryten this line to inquire of your health, and if your knee be not the worse of your journey. When I wes at Calder I did speak to your collector who told me he hade my bond. I desire to know if I shall pey him the monie a litell after Candlemass as you desired. Withall I am earnest to know what is said of my Lord Argill or what is become of him and what is become of Brea and yourself as being caution for him, with any other newes yow pleas to acquaint me with, and if the Parliement be like to sitt and what is said the

designe of it is in the mean time. Lett me know what the bear is giueing and the wheat and oats. If you think it convenient your ansuear is expected to all these and what else you please to communicat . . .

One bedroom at Cawdor is still fitted up with old tapestry stretched on the rough unplastered walls. There are grotesque representations of three events in the history of Noah, one of Abraham and the Cities of the Plain, and one of the passage of the Red Sea. The following account shows us how such furniture was obtained, and by what route it travelled from the looms of Arras to my Lady's state bedroom at Cawdor:—

Account of Andrew Stevenson, Merchant in Edinburgh, 14 April 1682.

For ane suit of Arras hingings of wirset mixt with silk in 7 peices as followeth.

One ps. $8\frac{3}{4}$ Dutch ells.
One do. $8\frac{3}{8}$ ditto.
One do. 6 ditto.
One do. $5\frac{3}{4}$ ditto.
One do. $4\frac{3}{4}$ ditto.
One do. $3\frac{1}{8}$ ditto.
One do. $5\frac{1}{4}$ ditto.

$39\frac{5}{8}$ Dutch ells of lenth, and which ar of depth . . . $\frac{1}{4}$ Dutch ells, and is of Dutch ells squair as per accompt 128 $\frac{1}{16}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ at 57 styveres Flanders mony per ell is £367, 6s.

Charges in Flanders as per Mr. Francis Demulinars accompt.

Fraught from Audinard to Gandt	£2, 14s.
From Gandt to Bridges	4s.
Cariage abourd	6s.
Custume	£3.
Mr. Demulinars provision	£9.

Summa of the hingings in Scots money as the cost in Flanders is £441, 10s.

Charges paid furth in Scotland.

Paid to Mathew Heggie skipper for fraught from Bridges to Daysert £2, 6s.

Item for custom cherges at Daysert £36, 12s.

For a mans expences in going to Daysert to enter the hingings £1, 9s.

Fraught to Leith, with pety charges £1, 10s. 6d.

17 May 1682. Shiped the forsaid hingings abourd of John Jamison yr. bound from Leith to Fyndhorn, and deliuered the samen, which extends to with charges £483, 7s. 6d.

[CONTRACT FOR BUILDING.]

At Caldor 20 May 1682 yeiris it is appoynted and agried betwixt the right honorable Sir Hugh Campbell of Calder knight on the ane pairt, and Robert and George Nicolsonis and Donald M^c^ gilleis measonis on the other part in maner following. That is to say the saidis measonis bindis them immediatly efter the date heirof to stay at Calder, and build ane stone dyck from the west end of the grein of Calder to the eist end of the samen, consisting of seven foot and thrie inches of height, as also to mount and raise the dyck that is already built about the litle park of Calder to the height of the forsaid dyck of the grein, that is to say 7 foot 3 inches, and to finish and compleit the said work betwixt and the first day of November nixt, and that the same shall be guid and sufficient work built according to airt. For the quhich causes the said Sir Hugh binds him to pay to the saidis measonis as follows, viz. for the said new dyck to be built upon the north syde of the grein from West to Eist, 24 merkis Scots money, with ane boll tuo firlots meall for ilk rood lenth of the hight forsaid, and for raiseing and highting of the rest of the park dyck betuixt the end of the said new dyck and the end of the dyck besyde the coachhouse, eight merks Scots money, with tuo firlots meal for ilk rood lenth to be raised and made of the hight forsaid. Lykeas they are to prim and poynt what was formerly wrought of the saidis dyckis sufficiently with lyme on both sydes, and to make the saids dyckis compleit and sufficient. . . .

Extracts from a book of accounts kept by a chamberlain, of current family expences. Anno 1682.

To ane Aberdeins post	12s.
To my Lady	£500.
To a harper	£1, 8s.
To Mr. James	£40.
To the measonis	£38, 2s. 8d.
To the gardner 2 dolloris	£5, 12s.
To the coatchman	£2, 18s.
To a vialer and poor personis at Clunes	16s.
Sent back to Androw for the plumber 9 dollaris	£26, 2s.
Spent betuixt Calder and Edr. per accompt	£52, 12s.
For pypes and tobacco	2s.
For aile at nicht	1s.
To Mr. Peribo	14s.
For brandy	5s.
For servantis in the morning	8s.
For a coatch to the Abbayhill	£1, 1s.
For dinner in Da. Robertson's	£1, 2s.
For wyne after dinner	£1.
To a harper	14s.
For washing and dressing cloathes	16s.
For aile and sugar afternoon	2s.
For mumbeir in the forenoon	9s.
For ¼ lb. tobacco	6s.
To Poet Douglas	14s.
Payed in Crombies with Gordonstoun	7s. 4d.
To a harper	£1, 8s.
For corne to the horsis	10s.
For Rhenish wyne and sugar with Lovat	6s.
For brothering Logy	14s.
For supper with Lochell	14s.
For wyne aile pypes and tobacco and mumbeir	£1, 12s.

To a coatchman	£1, 9s.
For sacke in the chamber	10s. 7d.
For cravatis to Lauchlane and me	£6, 15s. 2d.
Payed in Pat. Steills with Cardros	14s.
For dinner in Crombies with Glengerry	£1, 6s.
For wyne after dinner	10s.
To a harper	10s.
For the boyes dinner	6s.
For mumbeir and aile afternoon	£1, 8s.
For mumbeir in the morning	9s.
For a trunk 12s. sterling	£7, 4s.
Payed in Steills with B. Hall	£1, 4s.
To a coatchman	£1, 8s.
To the las	£1, 8s.
For 3 gange of shoon to the horsis	£3, 4s.
For a paire shoes to the Laird	£2, 2s.
For a paire to Lauchlane and another to me	£4, 7s.
For a pair boots to Lauchlane	£6, 10s.
For stockings to Gordon	£1, 8s.
For Lauchlanes shoulder knot	£1, 10s.
To a watchmaker	£3.
To a barber	14s.
For a wallet	13s.
For shoes to Alaster	£1, 8s.
For the horsis in the Park	£7, 7s.
Payed for corne and hay to them	£1, 10s.
To a poet	£1, 8s.
Payed for Lauchlanes ryding coat	£10, 13s. 4d.

At Leathin upon the 19th day of May 1683 yearis in presence of Sir Hugh Campbell of Calder and Captain Kenneth M^{c} Kenzie shirefs of Nairn in judgement, &c.

The said day compearing in presence of the saidis judges judiciallie Alex. Brodie of Leathin, who being be vertew of ane sumondis execut and

indorsat, sumoned to apeir befor them upon the 18th day of this instant month within the Tolbuith of Nairn, who in regard of his present sicklie and valetudinarie condition could not apeir befor the saids judges at the place and upon the day forsaid, they therfor did tak his depositions upon the heads of the said libell conforme to the interrogatories underwritten, who being solemnlie sworn in judgement in the forsaid place was interrogat:

1°. If he had been a frequenter of field conventicles? Deponed that he had never bein at any field conventicle in his lyftym, nor did he know of any field conventicle in the cuntrie wher he lives, and albeit he had known them, he wold bein loath to keip them.

2°. Being interrogat if he had bein a frequenter of house conventicles, deponed that he and his wife being constantly sick and unable to go abroad, some outed ministers cam to his house, and that he joined in family exercise with them, but allowed no persons but his own familie to be present, and dischairged his servants to suffer other persons to enter, and that he was not at any such exercises not above fyftein tymes since the indemnitie in Julie 1679, and was at no kynd of meiting without his own house, these familie exercises within his house being occasioned be visits made to him and his wife in tym of sickness.

3°. Being interrogat if he had bein a frequenter of the publict church ordinances established by the laws of the kingdome, deponed that he had keiped the church when he was in health, but these many years bygon, being constantly sick and valetudinarie, he was altogether [unable] to keep the church, but when the parioch minister cam to his house, or any minister authorised, they were most welcome and he heard them most willinglie.

[*The fourth article is obliterated.*]

5°. Being interrogat if he had conversed with any intercommuned persones, deponed that he never conversed with any intercommuned person to his knowledge, and that he would not converse with any intercommuned person if he knew them to be such, and this he declared to be of truth, as he deponed in maner forsaid according to his best memorie and knowledge as he should answer to God, in testimonie wherof he hath subscribed this his depositioun.

A. Brodie, H. C. Calder shiref, C. Kenneth Mackenzie shirafe.

FROM DAVID FORBES.

Edr. 18 August 1683.

RIGHT HONORABLE

I will give yow ane fuller accompt of your affairis by any Invernes post who is heir in toune, only at the earnest importunitie of Robert Andersone messenger bearer heirof, I have written this lyne to accompany my lord Advocats letter and recommend him to yow, for interposeing betwixt Glenmoirestoune and him, in order to the getting some small acknowledgment for his litle finger. Whether Glenmoriestoune or your selffe promised any such thing to my Lord Advocat I cannot tell, bot he asserts it verie positivelie, and quhatever course ye take with Mr. Andersone I think since indeed Glenmoriestoune himselffe wes not ther in persone, and that the villanes who comitted the fact cannot be proven to have been any of Glenmoriestounes men nor hounded out resett nor assisted be him, that any thing that sall be given the messenger be delyvered him be some third persone, and that the dischairge that sall be taken of the messenger doe not narrate any accessione of his to the cryme on the least, bot on the contrar, that albeit such ane injurie and damnage wes done him in such a way and maner as ye please to narrate the fact, and though by information of sum of Glenmoriestounes evill wisheris it wes suggested to the said Robert, that the actors were Glenmorriestounes men or resett hounded out or assisted by him, that nevertheles he knows the contrare, in respect that it is notourlie knowne Glenmoriestoune and his wholl men were at that instant of tyme *alibi*, viz. in a court holden by the shireff deputt of Invernes in which the said shireffe his declaratioune with severall other most certane evidences does sufficientlie convince the said Robert of, and that therfor and whither the said Glenmoriestoune or his men had ony accessione to the committing of the forsaid mutilation or not, and alseweell having accessione as not having, and not having as having, the said Robert does frielie forgive, quytclame, exoner, and dischairge the said Glenmoriestoune and his haill men, of the said cryme, and all action competent to him in any maner of way, and acknowledges his wrong in blaming them at any tyme; nor doe I think it fitt that any thing of a guilt sould be held furth in this, quhich wold requyre ane

expresse remissione on that head, and the remissione sent up, if I rychtlie remember being only about the stealling of Insches only in particular; and if Mr. Andersone comply not with this, he may doe quhat he lykes, bot certainely he will not reatch Glenmoriestoune; quhich is all at present from

Ryght honorable
your ho. most humble servant
DA. FORBES.

Robert Andersone telt me at reading heirof to him, that he is content to give a dischairge in any termis ye please, giving him but a moderat satisfaction for his damnag.

For the Right honorable the Laird of Calder theiss.

[SIR HUGH TO A FRIEND, PERHAPS BAILIE JOHN HALL OF EDINBURGH.]

Albeit I wes clear enough my self that it wes fitt to call home my sone, yet his earnest letter to his mother quhich yow sent me directed upon the back for myself, and is the only letter from him since I left Edr. kept me a while in suspense, and the importunities of some had almost prevailed with me to have alowed him the other year abroad, that so he might have gone to Italie, quhich perhaps might have given him some satisfactione, but I believe wold contribute litle to his learning or improvement. However I have now wryten at lenth to him to call him home and have left the letter open for your reading and that yow may see how much I confide in and depend upon your kindnes and advice. I leave it to yourself to send the letter forward, that so he may come home, or to send it back againe to me, as ye think fitt; and if ye send it back againe, in that cace wryte to him yourself and tell him I wonder I have not heard from him this long tyme and that I will not be determined how to dispose of him till I hear from himself efter your letters come to his handis, and that ye find me not enclyned to suffer him to goe to Italie in this condition of my health and affairs, although yow have prevailed with me to alowe him to stay in Paris longer than I wold have done, and tell him that ye believe

my first letter to him will be to call him home, and so advyse him to be the more diligent at his studies and exercises; and upon the mater I think it will almost doe aswell that he follow his book wher he is till about the end of September, and tryst his coming for Scotland to the winter sessione, that so he may get some toutch and knowledge of our judicatory formes and lawes in Scotland in the winter sessione, before ever he taste what libertie and rambling abroad in the countrey hounting and haulking and visiting of friendis and such other divertisements is, and might put him out of the humor of studie and reading, for I can say from experience to my great regrate, once a countrey lyfe, and farewell reading and studying, except for divertisement.

And now to speake a litle more of business, I am doeing what I can to raise money, and the truth is, the great reasons of calling home my sone is to save the great expens he is at quher he is, that so I may be the abler to pay my debt. I mynd to put all I can get spared from my family and the keeping of my credite with others in your owne hand till yow be payed. The first money ye can expect is be the droves quhich according to my bargan will come to 18900 merks or therby.

FROM THE MARQUIS OF ATHOLE.

Invereray, 24 September 1684.

SIR

The heritores of the shyres of Argyle and Tarbet have unanimouslie made ane voluntar offer to his Majestie of as much money as will mantaine ane company consisting of ane hundred men besyd officers to be raised, and signed ane peapear to that purpose. I doe not questione but yow will be as readie to promote his Majesties interest and service as any, and therfor it is expected yow will order your chamberlanes to pay your proportione being three pound three shilling on each merk land. This is all from

your affectionat freind and servant

ATHOLL.

For the Laird of Calder.

Contract betuixt the Laird of Calder and James Smith and James Nicolsone measonis.

Att Calder 19 December 1684 yearis, it is contracted and finally agried betuixt Sir Hugh Campbell of Calder on the ane pairt, and James Smith master measone in Forres and James Nicolsone meason in Broomhill on the other pairt in maner underwryttine. That is to say the saids James Smith and James Nicolsone bindis them to take downe the litle tower now standing in Calder, to witt the South east and west quarteris therof to the croune of the vault or lower if neid be, and to take doune the north quarter therof to the very foundation and rock upon which the same is built, and to take quyte away alse much of the said litle tower at the northe, as goes by and without the syd wall of the rest of the building upon the west quarter of the said tower, and then they are to build a new jamb upon the same foundation keiping the north wall of the jamb in a straight lyne with the rest of the building, and to raise the said jamb foure stories high above the croune of the vault, and every story to be trysted with the same levell with the severall stories of the rest of the building bewest the said tower, and the highest story is to have its floore and levell with the balkis of the cuples of the wardrobe, the said jamme is to be raised in square at all quarteris alse high as the rigging stone of the roofe of the said house, and to be jested over and made fitt to receave a roofe or cover of lead, and the head of it to be finished very handsomely with table ballasteris and cornishes of the best order and fashione, every rowme of the said jamme is to have fyve weill proportioned windows, ane chimney weill venting, and ane convenient place for ane closse stool. Item they are to joyne and band the said jamb with the rest of the work bewest the same handsomely and securely, and to rebuild the chimney of the great hall and the roume above it, and make them sufficient weill venting chimneys; the chimney of the hall is to be (when rebuilt) betuixt seven and eight foot wyde, and the chimney of the roume above of the same proportione as it is presently, and brought alse neire the midle of the rowme as can be. There is to be ane doore by which to go out of the great hall to the first chamber of the said jamb, and the lyke passage out of the rowmes above the hall to the rowmes which are to be in

levell with them: all the roumes of the said jamb are to be eightein foot wyde within wallis from eist to west, and twenty foot long from south to north; the chimneys of the first two rowmes of the tower are to be in the north quarter, and alse large as the place can affoord them, with handsome cornishes; the chimneys of the other rowmes to be in the most convenient places, and all the chimneys to be soe ordered as they may be levell in theire hearths with the flooris of the respective rowmes, the cuinzies and pends of the windowes and the jambs of the chimneys to be smooth hewen, and a handsome ragglyne to be left in the wester syde of the wester quarter of the said jamb to receave the theeke of the building bewest the same. Item they are to build ane very handsome staire for carrying a passage to all the saidis rowmes with a flatt upon the levell of every floore, and from the first flatt to have thrie dooris, one whereof shall enter to the great hall, another to the chamber on the end thereof, and the third to the closet eftermentioned, and the lyke number of dooris on every flatt to serve the rowmes and closets in levell with them. Item they are to give a frie and convenient passage for the water that fallis in the closse to runn out of the closse eistward as it now does, and to make it runne under the flatt at the foot of the stair; the said staire is to be thrie foot and eight or ten inches wyde at leist, including the nowall, and to be raised soe much higher then the said jamb as to have ane doore by which to goe to the roofe of the same, and the staire to have soe many windows at the eist as may make the same sufficientlie lighted, togither with ane window to the west upon every flatt. As also they are to build ane jamb within the closse upon the south syde of the staire caise of ten or tuell foot within wallis in lenth tuixt south and north, and alse broad as can be gott without corrupting the light of the south window of the great hall, and to rayse the said jamb soe high that the top of the roofe hereof may be equall with the said great jamb: the first story of the said jamb for closets is to be vaulted, there is to be a chimney in every rowme of the same, and a large light or window to the east, with ane doore to the closse in the lower storie, and in lykemaner they are to reduce the closse to a square by adding soe much of a wall to the north syde of the great tower as is necessarie, and finishing the said addition in some handsome order as the saids James Smith and James Nicolsone shall

think best, and to make ane handsome open entrie to the said closse in the midle of the bounds with six or seven easy stepps to leid doune thereto. And they are to finish and compleit the said whole work in the best and handsomest order, soe as themselves may have credit and the said Sir Hugh satisfactione, and the said haill work being sufficiently and weill builded and finished in every thing according as is particularly and generally abovewritten. Lykeas they are to winne stones in the quarry of Calder for the said worke, soe farre as the stones of the said litle tower shall fall short for building the same, and to enter as they are already entered to the winning of the same; and they oblige them to finish and outred the said work and make the samen compleit and sufficient in every thing betuixt and the 15 June 1686 yeiris. For the which causses the said Sir Hugh bindis him to pay the soume of six hundreth pounds Scots money and six chalder good and sufficient victuall halfe meill halfe beare att the terms following, to witt, the fourth pairt thereof in hand, and ane fourth pairt when the said work is all founded and raised ane ell high above the vault, ane fourth pairt when the second jests are layed, and the last fourth pairt be two equall halfes, the one halfe thereof when the highest jestis which is to be the ground of the platefurme are layed, and the other halfe thereof when the said worke is compleitly finished. And it is specially provyded that the said Sir Hugh is to caus red the quarry and to caus lead the materiallis within fourty foot of the said wall without the closs, and to furnisch quarry mell wedges, gaivelockis, weannes and weannes tow, single and double barrowes packetis bucketis scaffolding centries and all sort of materiallis and necessaris which the said Sir Hugh used to furnish in the lyke caises, all which are to appertayne to the said Sir Hugh at the workis end. In witness whereof they have subscryved thir presentis, written be John Kemptie servitor to the Earl of Dunfermling and the other double heirof be Lauchlane Campbell servitor to the said Sir Hugh with their hands before thir witnes, the said Lauchlane Campbell, Coleine Campbell and Hugh Sutherland also servitoris to the said Sir Hugh and the said John Kemptie wretter forsaid.

S. H. C. Calder.
James Smith.
J. Nicolsone.

[Extracts of Accounts.]

To John Marjoribanks, anno 1682.

For ½ butt of seck	£138.

anno 1684.

Putt abourd of John Achmutie ship, 2 tersces of French wyne is money	£96.
To 23¼ gallons of brandie at £9, 12s. per gallon	£223, 4s.
Caske to the brandie	£3, 12s.

To George Clark, Edinr. 1686.

To 26 gades of iron	£92, 16s.
To 68 pintes of seck at 27s. per pint	£91, 16s.
To ane cask to hold the seck	£2, 8s.
To 64 pintes of brandie at 24s. per pint	£76, 16s.
To ane cask to hold the brandie	£2, 8s.
To carrying all to the weschell	16s.

Account of David Denoone, Saddler, Edinr., anno 1685.

Imprimis for ane new panell to your honoris sadle	£1, 16s.
For stuffing it and 2 bukles to it	8s.
For 2 hogskine hunting sadles	£12.
For ane fyne fur to ane of them	£8, 14s.
For ane bitt with boasses to it	£1, 16s.
For ane pair of gwild irones to it	15s.
For ane pair of fyne girdis to it	12s.
For ane pair of red welvet laps	£6.
For ane pair of hulster belts	6s.
For ane tie and curper to the other sadle	£1, 18s.
For ane pair of leatheris and irones to it	£1, 8s.
For ane brydle with ane snafle bit	£1.

For ane meal pilleone with meal girdis	18s.
For ane blak brydle to your honor	£1, 16s.
For ane bitt with boasses to it	£1, 16s.
For 2 fyne curie combs	£2.
For ane double brush	16s.
For ane haire cloth	13s. 4d.
For making 2 horse sheetis	£1, 8s.
For 4 tagis and 4 bukles to them	12s.
For 2 houssingirdis of deper web	£1, 12s.
For 2 coadis to them	12s.
For 3 houssing irones	£2, 8s.
For ane pair of trimming sheers	14s.
For ane pair of fyne girdis to the postellin	11s.
For ane red welvet sadle with ane slip cower	£15.
For ane new fashioned fur to it	£10s.
For ane bitt with boasses to it	£1, 16s.
For ane pair of fyne irones and fyne girdis to it	£2, 2s.
For 2 hunting hogskine sadles	£12.
For 2 brydles with snafle bitts to them	£1, 16s.
For ane pair of hulsteris with French laps	£4, 16s.
For ane pomell to the bagage sadle	18s.

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From Forbes of Culloden.

Right honorable

Being informed by James Dunbar that the election for the shyre past upon Thursday last, although your advertisement did not come at me by reason of my being in Ross, yett I heartily homologate what is done, since yow and Kilraock are the men, for sure I am yow are the best in the shyre and fittest to represent it. I designed to have armed and kist your sones, hands, and thought to haue made one erand of both, if your lyne had reached me, but now my complement will be the more pure when he alone

is the reason of my travell, for if God bless me, I will see him ere I sleep. In the meantyme I ever am

Right honorable
your most affectionat cousin and humble servant
D. Forbes.

For the Laird of Calder, these.
Invernes, 25 March 1685.

To the Right honorable the Lord Chancellour and Lords of His Majesties secreit councell the petition of the Laird of Calder.

Humbly showeth

That when the rebellion (which by the blessing of Almightie God and your Lo. caire is now happilly supprest) first discovered it self, I offered my service to some of your Lo. number, for goeing my self or sending my sone to Illa, als weel to keep these people in the kings obedience as to make provisione for payment of his Majesties few dewtie, and my owne rents, which your Lo. upon better consideratione did not think fit to admit, and now being informed that many of the said people have joyned actuallie in the rebellione, and therby may possiblie involve their innocent neighbours in the guilt of converse with rebellis, and which likeways hinders my self, that I cannot enter amongest them, aither to provide for his Majesties few dewtie or recover my owne rents without your Lo. speciall license.

May it therfore please your Lo. to laye doune such courses, as the guiltie may be punished to the terror of uthers, and the innocent persones and my self (who have as your Lo. knowes given good testimonie of my sincer affection and loyaltie to his sacred Majestie) secured, so as in the interim we may be enabled to make provision for his Majesties revenew and my owne rent, the season of the year for transporting of cattell being now near overrun and past, according to justice, and your petitioner shall ever pray.

At Killorow in Ila, 1st day of September 1685 yeares, in presence of Sir Hugh Campbell of Calder Livetennent Deput of Illa sitting in judgement: Anent the summonds and action raised befor ane noble and potent Marques John Marques of Atholl Lord Livetennent of the shyres of Argyle and Tarbet and his said deput against Colin Campbell in Killvorow &c. [*many names follow*] Makand mentioun that the fornamed persones from the 16th May to the 17th day of June last, did associat join to and rise in armes with Archibald late Earl of Argyll and his traitorous accomplices being then landed in Argyleshire and invading this kingdome, and did so continow in armes in a hostile maner the dayes particularlie above mentioned, tending the subiecting of his Majesties government, lawes and liberties of the subiects, &c. and the saids persones being ofttymes called and not compeirand, the said Livetennent deput hes declared the forenamed persones not compeirand as said is, outlawes and fugitives fra his Majesties lawes, and ordained them to be put to the horne, except Gilbert Fergusone Gilbert M^c^ arthor Alexander Ritchie, &c. compearand and entrand themselves upon pannell, who being dilated, the pannellis all of them acknowledged ther going out of Ila with the late Argyll, but were compelled by force and fear, being threatened with fyre and sword by ane number of armed men, they being desarmed at the tyme, and ther armes secuired in a house of the said isle, which house wes seised upon by the late Argyll, befor they knew of his coming, and that they had noe head, neither master nor balyie to advyse direct or assist them, and protested solemnlie that if ther master or his balyie were upon the place before ther armes wer taken, they readilie would venture ther lives in the kings sarvice against the rebellis, &c. They had not the lest prejudice against the king or government, and in evidence therof they made ther escape and deserted him from tyme to tyme as occasion offered, many retiring from Kintyre, some from Bute, others from Cowall, and scarce fourty going to Killearn, who wer among the first deserters and returned befor the indemnitie offered by my Lord Livetennent expyred, tho they knew not thereof being keeped closs from them, and hoped the kings mercie will not exclud them, pleaded therefore for the same, &c.

Which sumonds judiciall confession and haill circumstances being heard seen and considered by the said livetennent deput, he superceids to proceed as to temporall punishment till the day of nixt, and in the meantyme ordaines the process to be admitted to the said Lord Livetennent, and in reguard ther is noe prison in the Isle he ordains them to find cawtione for ther appearance when called, &c.

There are 44 bonds of caution for the compearance of the various parties concerned in the rising of 1685.

To Mr. Andrew Balfour.

Calder, 21 Jan. 1686.

Very loveing freind

Since yours came to my hand I have bein so indisposed myselfe pairtly by my own infirmity which wes neuer so troublesome to me as this winter, and pairtly by my sone Colline his being very sick of a great feaver (whereof he is not yet cooled, altho this be the 17th day since he took bed and the 20th since he fell ill, he is in the Lords hands, let him dispose of him and me and all myne as seemes good to him) that I could not conveinently wrytt to you till now, neither as yet can I doe or take tyme to say what I would. I only wrytt this short lyne that you may not think I forgett you, and to recommend my sone Archibald to your caire not only as to what may concerne his person, but as to his educatione, that you would take paines at spare houris to instruct him, and constantly on all occasiones to admonish and advyse him for his good. I allow him few or no idle hours till he be so far advanced in knowledge as to be in love with it, and then ther is noe doubt but he will be carefull and dilligent.

This countrey is very scarce of money, nor can I expect any in till my victuall be sold, and its but litle I can expect from the Hylands, till I can send my catle to mercat, and therfor I pray let my eldest sone have what

money you can afford him to doe my affairs with, and place what you give him to my accompt. I hope to see you befor the sessione rise. I sall add no more, but restis

your very real freind to my power
S. H. C. CALDER.

For Mr. Andrew Balfour wrytter in Edr. these.

ACCOUNT, THE LAIRD OF CALDER YOUNGER TO MISTRIS BALFOURE.

Imprimis for your chamber rent, coall and candle from the 2 of January to the 11 of March, 1686, agreed for 18s. Scots a day £62, 2s.

For your chamber rent from the 12 of March to 1 Jully 1686 £77, 14s.

Item for the use of my furniture in the castle since the first of Jully, being the tyme ye delyvered the key of your chamber, to 18 Sep. 1686, at 6s. Scots a day £24.

29 Jan. 1686. For your own dinner 14s.

30 Jan. For your own and servants dinner £1.

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11 March. To the workmen for takeing up your bed and all other furniture to the Tolbooth 14s.

Sent up to the Tolbooth 14 March, a great loafe and a pound of candle 8s. 6d.

Lent to yourself to buy osters one day 7s.

For a sellet vinegar and sugar, coals, candle, a great loafe, &c. &c.

The Revolution drew many of the Scotch Whig gentry to London, and it was doubtless there that the young Thane of Cawdor wooed and won his Welsh Bride. The marriage contract between Alexander Campbell, eldest son and heir-apparent of Sir Hugh Campbell of Calder and Elizabeth Lort, sister of Sir Gilbert Lort, and only daughter of Lady Susanna Lort of Turnham Green, is dated 20th September 1688. Sir Hugh engages to sease them in lands to the value of £1000 sterling; and in the event of her husband's decease, the Lady is to have a jointure of £800 sterling.

In fulfilment of his part of this contract, Sir Hugh resigned in favour of the young couple the islands of Islay and Jura on the 13th November 1688. And further, on the 23d October 1691, Sir Hugh, with consent of Lady Henrietta Stewart, his spouse, dis-

poned to the said Alexander Campbell, his eldest son, and the heirs-male of his marriage with Elizabeth Lort, the lands, barony and thanage of Cawdor, the lands, barony and islands of Islay and Jura, and the barony of Kilmachronage ; reserving, however, Sir Hugh's liferent of the whole, Islay and Jura excepted, and Lady Henrietta's liferent of Arderseir and Delnies.

Sir Hugh made resignation in the hands of the Crown on 3d February 1693, and on the 10th February a charter was expede under the great seal in favour of Alexander Campbell and the heirs-male lawfully begotten between him and his spouse, Elizabeth Lort.

ACCOUNT TO MR. JOHN WATSON, MERCHANT IN EDINBURGH. 1690.

Imprimis for 100 lockes for Calderis use for musquetts at 6 steivers per peice in Dutch money, is in Scotts	£150.
Fraught from Holland to Kirkcaldie and from Kirkcaldie to Leith	15s.
Item for provisione at Holland	£3, 15s.
200 gunlocks at 26 st. per peice	£260.
Item a barrell to put them in	15s.
Custom and entry and provision in Holland	£12.
For duty at Leith and fraught and bullion	£24.

MR. JOHN CAMPBELL, WRITER IN EDR. HIS ACCOMPT FOR GUN STOCKING.

Imp. To the carior James Clark for bringing heir 100 lockis being 4 stone 12 lbs.	16s.
To the stocking of 140 guns at 22s.	£154.
To the docking, bushing, nails to the lockis, gripes and gaurds to the forsaid 140 guns at 8s. a peice is	£58, 8s.
To the carieing of the guns from my chop to the workmens	11s.

FROM ANOTHER ACCOUNT PAID ON 22 JUNE 1693.

Item to the stocking of 216 guns at 22s. a piece is	£237, 12s.
Item to the docking, nayling, grypes guards bushing of the forsaid 216 guns at 8s. a peice is	£86, 8s.
Item to carieing the said guns to the merchants hospitall	16s.

Archibald, Sir Hugh's second son, married Anna the only daughter of Duncan Macpherson of Cluny. By the contract dated at Cluny 15th March 1689, the lady's tocher was 6000 merks. But the clansmen suspected their chief's intentions went farther. On the day previous to the signing of the marriage-contract, the following bond was subscribed.

Wee undersubscribers considering that Duncan M^{c} phersone of Cluny our present Chiefe is of full purpose and resolution to talyie not only his whole estate, but also the representatione of us and all others our kinsmen by his righteous heir male with his daughter to a stranger, and that without all peradventure our ruine is therby threatned (if God Almightie by ane entire unione among our selves doe not prevent the same), doe hereby declear and swear upon our great oath, that we shall not own nor countenance any persone as the said Duncan M^{c} phersone his representative (failing heirs male of his own body) excepting William M^{c} phersone of Noid, who is his true lineall successor, and the heirs male of his body, quhilkis failing the heirs male quhatsomever and safurth successibly, and that wee shall to the utmost of our power asist and mantain the said William and his forsaids in attaining and posessing the said estate by all just means imaginable. And furder we the undersubscribers and in particular the said William M^{c} phersone shall second asist and mantaine one another in all our just and righteous interests against all mortall (his Majestie being excepted) and we bind us to perform the premisses under the paine of infamie. In witnes quherof we have subscribit ther presents with our hands at Benchar, the 14 day of [March] 1689 years. Signed by—

WILLIAM M^{c} PHERSONE of Noid, ALEXR. MACPHERSONE, Pitmean, JA. M^{c} PHERSONE, Balachroane, ALEXR. M^{c} PHERSONE Phones, MURD. M^{c} PHERSONE Clun, JA. M^{c} PHERSONE Invernihain, Jo. M^{c} PHERSONE Coranach, Jo. M^{c} PHERSONE Benchor, ANGUS M^{c} PHERSONE Kilihuntlie, Jo. M^{c} PHERSONE in Strone, &c.

(16 *subscribers in all.*)

From Sir Hugh to Archibald Campbell of Octomore.

Edr. 29 May 1689.

Loveing cousin

The news that we hear from Argyleshyre this day makes me hope that the greatest caus of your feares may be over, for we have ane accompt that these in Kintyre that were in arms after they were dissipate by Captain Young went to Gia, where some of the Macleans came to them, who were pursued by one of our Scots frigats and she and severall English men of warre lyes now at Gia, so that these rebells are surrounded with ships by sea and Captain Young by land, upon the Largie syde of his own partie and of Argyles regiment and of the countrey people make a partie of odds and twelve hundred men who as its supposed hes attacked these in Gia ere now. We hear also that Dundee made a rendevouz in Lochaber of sevin or eight hundred men, but they are dissipate since, and he gone we know not whither. Our news from Irland gives a very good accompt for the Protestants about Dery have defeat the enemie there severall tymes, and at last has taken ther cannons bombs and ammunition. There are severall regiments gone to Dery from England and many more are goeing. Severall English regiments of horse foot and dragoons with severals of ours are ordered north, and its lyke may go to Lochaber ere they come back. The Dutch and English fleet are by this tyme out and joyned. All things go very well in England, I hope it shall be so here. I desyre ye may not neglect sending me word what ye are doing, and Hugh Duff or some other person that can be able to give me ane accompt of the condition of the countrey, bot if James, Kirktounes brother be in Ilay fail not to send him to me, and how soon I can fynd saff passag I vill raise a drov on my own wentur and giv the tennents a resonable pryce thogh I hav noe assurance nor probability of prices in Ingland, yet at any rait better send to the marcat nor leav all in reverence of ane enemy. Pray heist James to me and if he be not in Ilay send som other to let me know how it is with you and quhat news is from Ireland. I wish I saw Ballachlaven or som man

of senss ; pray never employ this fool to com heir, he can tell me nothing. As ye did last, let ther be two letters, on off intelligence and in that mak a great clamor and ane earnest desyr for armes and ammunition, &c., and in the other of privat affairs, and again I say lett me heir and see som discreit man from yow in all heast, and so I remember me kyndly to all my people ther. Tell them I never faled them and I persuad my self they vill not fail me at this tym, it is ther own good, and I doubt not bot in a litle tym all that oppose the intrest of the Protestant religion will perish and be destroyed. Remember me to your own bedfollow and children and so I rest

your lo. cusen

S. H. C. Calder.

For Archibald Campbell off Octomor Baily off Ilay thes haist.

Edr. 12 Jully 1689.

His Majesties High Commissioner and the Lords of his Majesties Privie Councill doe hereby ordaine and command Sir Hugh Campbell of Calder to bring over the persone of Murdoch M^c^ cleane younger of Lochbuy now in his custodie to this place betuixt and the first day of August, as he will be answerable, to be disposed of by the government as they shall think fitt. Extracted by me

Gilb. Eliot Clericus
Secreti Consilii.

Att Edr. 22 October 1689.

The Lords of his Majesties Privie Council doe hereby prorogat the warrand granted to Sir Hugh Campbell of Calder, for treating for the releasment of the Laird of Blair and other prisoners in the custodie of the rebells untill the 16th day of Nouember nixt to come inclusive. Extracted by me

Gilb. Eliot Clericus
Secreti Consilii.

FROM SIR JAMES LESLIE.

Inverness, 31st Dec. 1689.

SIR

In your last letter I had the favor to receave from you, you assured me you would take care to order plads and all other necessaries for the garrisone I designe att Lethen, but I find there has been nothing done in it as yett, therefore I entreat you conformable to the Councills order I herewith send you, that you will call the commissioners togeather and order 30 pair of pladdis and other necessaries for that garrison, as likewise 30 paire mor with other necessaries for this garrison, for I doe intend to send garrisons to two or three other places, and therefore shall not only want them but a great many others, but I shall have them out of this country. Pray favor me in letting me heare what you doe in this affaire and you will oblige

Sir

your most humble servant

JAMES LESLIE.

For the Honorable Sir Hugh Camill of Calder one of theire Majesties most Honorable Privy Councill. These.

ACCOUNT TO THOMAS JOHNSTON STABLER IN EDINR. ANNO 1689.

Two stone coach horses entred to my stables 11 Apryl 1689, at straw from that time to 29 June 1689, each horse at 5s. per night £39, 10s.

Entred them to hay the said 29 June and continued to last August at 7s. per night £44, 16s.

For 214 pecks of oats to them for the saids coachhorses £96, 10s. 6d.

Item two geldings cam the one the 18 and the other the 19 of Apryle, and went out the 8 June £24, 15s.

To Margrat Merschell indweller in the castlehill of Edr.
June 1689.

For the standage of your honoris coach in ane coach house at the Castlehill from 22 January to the 10 April 1689 at one shilling sterling a week £6, 12s.

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Letter from Edr. to the Lady Henrietta.

Madam

The Laird did send home the last weiks newes with James Grant the footman, for I delyvered him the newsletters and all the print papers I could gett for money. The newes this weik is lyke to prove more dangerous, for the D. of Gordoune on Saturday last refused absoluttely the Conventione of Steat to give over the Castle, upon quhich immediatlie his Grace and all his under commanderis and shuldiers were denunced rebells over the cross by a sound of trumpett. Ther is also declaired tratoris and rebells that converses with himself or any that is within the castle, and ther is strict guairds keeped that none goe out or in to the castle, sometymes by the Trainbands of Edr. and other tymes by the west cuntrie men commanded by my Lord Leavin who hes gotten a commission from the P. of O. to leavie a reagiment. Ther is in all about 2 or 3 hundred men belonging to the E. of Argyll keepeing guairds, also ther will be in all of west cuntrie men about the citie 5000, and more comeing in every day to guaird the Steatis, and I will assure you ther is great neid of them, for they have severall enemies in this pleace. On Munday last my Lord Dundie went out of the toune with great anger and conveined ane number of 40 or 50 horses weill mounted, haveing bein trouperis in his owne troupe formerlie, and went to the west syd of the castle of Edr, and spake to the Duik, and desyred him to take good currage, for he would see his maister shortlie, so

immediatlie reteired back to his companie againe, and forced many cuntrie horses and went straight to Lithcow. My Lord Lithcow and the Laird of Langtoune with severall others followed him that same night. Its said that my Lord Balcarres hes followed also. All the Colledge of Justice and many others in this pleace are for bringing home the K. againe. Ther is 3 Scots regiments daylie expected heir from Lundon with a troupe of dragoons to guaird the Steats. Yesterday wee heard that all the Protestants in Ireland wer destroyed by the Papists. Some sayes that the K. is ther, and resolves to land shortlie at Inverlochay in Lochaber. Its thought my Lord Marr and the Marqueis of Athol and L. Lovat and Grant are to be sent home to guaird the Highlands for they are only feared.

ACCOMPT OF PARTICULAR DEBURSEMENTS FOR THE LAIRD OF CALDER.

Aug. 27, 1689. Payed the woman that keept the cabinet in my Lord Marques lodging £1, 8s.

7 Oct. Payed for postage of letters from London from Ewin Campbell anent Calderis affair £1.

24 Oct. For a letter from London from his sone 5s.

29 Oct. For carying up arms from the Canongait 15s.

7 Nov. Given a post to cary severall letteris north 7s.

Payed to the minthouse for keeping several gunnes that were sent there to be dressed £1, 2s.

11 Nov. Given to the Clerk of the counsells servant for ane order anent the Highlanders 14s.

(Very frequent entries for postage of letters from his son in London.)

27 January 1690. To a smith for dressing 2 gunnes £2, 8s.

February 1-4. Spent at Leith in receiving money from the victuall merchant at severall tymes £1, 9s.

Given to the Clerk of the counsell, with the petition for the strae and other things provyded to the forces by the shyr of Nairn £5, 16s.

26 Feb. For severall prints sent north 5s.

1 Mar. For garden seeds sent north £10, 18s.
22 Mar. Payed for a wigg to his sone George 3 rex dolloris £8, 14s.
Payed for washing a poynt gravat to young Calder £1, 10s.
17 Apr. For 2 letteris and a dowble one to young Calder £1.
18 Apr. Spent in Leith and given in airles to the skipperis that were to goe for Calderis victuall £2, 6s.
21 Apr. For wryting 2 charterpairties betwixt the compter and the skipper and drinkmoney £3, 14s.
15 May. Debursed in a consultation anent the band granted to Atholl in joyning with otheris 2 dollaris and a half £7, 5s.
28 May. Spent at the delyvery of his victuall at Leith, seamen and workmen measuring out the victuall £6, 5s.
14 June. Payed for 4 sythes sent north £4, 3s. 4d.
For measuring out his bear £3, 14s.
For carying to a loft 58 bolls barley £2, 18s.
Payed for measuring out the victuall out of the lofts and looking to it £3, 14s.
For a quarteris board for his son Colin £60.
To Hugh Duff Calderis servant to buy a sword, at being desyred by Calder £6.
26 Dec. For postage of 3 letteris from London 15s.
26 Dec. To a caryer for carying linnen for my lady from Glasgow that came from Isla 10s.
12 January 1691. Payed to a caryer for carying gunnes to Glasgow to be dressed £2, 8s.
18 Feb. Payed for garden seeds £14.
For carying four dozen gunns to Glasgow £1, 13s.
27 Mar. For carying 2 dozen of gunns and 41 locks to Glasgow £1, 8s.
1 April. Spent ordering away brandy at Leith 4s.
Debursed for young Calder at Musselburgh £3, 3s.
Debursed of expences for the myneris sent to Isla conform to accompt and young Calderis order £32, 9s. 4d.
8 June. For 6 letteris from London for young Calder and his lady £1, 10s.

4 July. For 2 sythes sent north	£2, 16s.
6 Nov. Given for caryage of 7 doz. and 3 gunns of Calderis to Glagow	£4, 8s.
26 January 1693. A letter from Aberdein from young Calder	3s.
24 March. Wryting 2 contracts of victuall and charter pairties	£3.
To the mettster of the victuall of the first vessell	£5.
To the mettster of the 2d vessell	£4, 7s. 8d.

FROM SIR JAMES LESLIE TO SIR HUGH.

Inverness, 5 January 1690.

SIR

I have received yours by Capt. Burgey, and wondired to understand by it that the Commissioners should be unwilling to furnish for the garrison. Since the Major generall has approved of it, it is not in my power to recall it, therefore I desire conformable to the Councills order there may be potts and pladds provided accordingly, for I relye upon your favor in ordering that. I never did designe to turne the Gentleman out of his house or to doe him any damage, but to be assistant to the countrey, and they lye within so good walls, that they cannot be surprized or taken before I can relieve them. I understood when I desired a paire of pladds that it was two, but I am informed now it is but one, therefore I entreat you to order what is requisite and necessary for 60 men, leaveing the quantity to your better judgment, for you know we allow in all garrisons in England our people beds. As for the 5 troopes that are come under Sir. Wm. Douglas's command to Elgin, I never soe much as wrott for one, nor did I know of theire comeing till they were arrived. Coll. Douglass wrott me word that he had ordered your shire and part of Inverness to furnish straw for four score horse. I wrott him word that I thought it was not legall till he had first called the Commissioners togeather and consulted them. He thanked me for my councill and told me he would follow it. I lett him know how inconvenient it was to have soe many horse heire to destroy the countrey, and make it incapable of keeping the troopes that we had heire,

therefore have writt to him this day and advised him to send two troopes of draggoones and one of horse to Bamff and Cullen, and being but at 14 miles distance beleive they may be ready enough upon all occasions to answer the Major Generalls expectations. By this you may see how willing I am to ease your countrey, and I hope you will forgive me if I doe not give him positive orders, since I doe not know what the Major Generalls designe is, nor have had noe notice from him as yett. Though they are under my command, yett I doe not think fitt to dispose of them without I had some orders from the Major Generall, but I believe he will follow my advice. If he does not, will indeavour to remove two troopes this way, and soe I hope will ease you of that trouble. However it will take away 50 horse that is allowed this garrison, which if it doe, I must consult with you which way to make it up, and if you can propose any way that may be more for the convenience of the countrey, shall willingly agree to it, and doe in all things as becomes

Sir

your most obliged humble servant

JAMES LESLIE.

For Sir Hugh Camill of Calder one of theire Majesties most honorable Privy Councill

These.

TO SIR WILLIAM DOUGLAS, LIEUT.-COL. OF DRAGOONS AT INVERNESS.

Calder, 9 Aprile 1690.

SIR

I ame provyding what I can for the security of this place, and the poor peoples goods wherewith it will be shortly filled, if ther be danger. I am prettie weill provyded of pouder, but am verie scarce or raither have no lead at all, therefor I have sent and ordered this bearer John Cuthbert my tennent to receave that fiftein hundred ball which ye wes so kyndlie pleased to promise me. This gentleman will keep them at his chamber till I send

for them and some armes which I have in towne, and then one order from the Governour will serve to bring all out of the ports as if I had bought all together from one hand. I ame ashamed to give yow this truble, but will assure you that if in any thing in my power I can be able to serve you, I will take it for a favour that you lay your commands upon me, for I am in great sincerity

Sir

your affectionate freind and humble servant

S. H. C. CALDER.

[POSTING BILL.]

April 13, 1691.

I AM to carie Mr. Cambel from London with a coach and six horses, to Edenbrow in Scotland, for £35, and to go by York.

THO. CROPPER.

Two trunks, a trunk for the mead, and all within the coach free, and a trunk for the gentlewomen.

FROM SIR HUGH TO HAY OF PARK.

Calder, June 29, 1691.

DEAR BROTHER

Imediatly after you left this countrie your daughter Elizabeth became exceedingly sick of a squinnancie. It was so very painfull that it did put her in a fever once and againe, so that she was for a whole week and more so troubled with the tumour upon her throat and jawes and the root off her tongue so swelled, that nothing, yea the thinnest liquor could not pass. This happened at Inshoch whither she hade gone about some bussines. I hope ye will forgive me that my care of her put all bussines to a stand till she was past danger which I hope she is now (by God's bless-

ing) upon the endeavours off Doctor Forbes and the chirurgeon Mr. Scot at Forras and Alexander Findlater whom I sent for to attend her.

Just upon the back of this ther came two or three parties off Hielanders, one of them caryed away a great many cattell out of Aitnoch and caryed away above ane hundred head of cattel. The partie was strong, betwixt fiftie and threescore. The people were secure and without fear, hearing that ther was four and five hundred off them in Ross whom Sir James Leslie and Balnagoun were pursueing; in short they were surprysed and the cattell were caryed in to Lochabber.

The nixt partie fell upon my lands in the more and in the breas off Altherg, when I was at Inshoch and caryed such cattel as they found quit away; about thirtie head and four peice of horss.

The third partie fell upon my lands off Boath, but then I was at home and sent my sone Archie and the lightest lads I hade after them. They were overtaken in the breas of Strathherrick and brought back. One of their boyes was likewayes catcht and brought prisoner.

And just as this letter is a writting I have advertisement from severall friends off the brea of Strathnairn that ther is a partie off five or six score Lochabber men past by them, who is like may make ane onset this night somewher in our breas. If we knew where, we would endeavour to buckle a touch with them. However I am just about conveening the countrie and will doe what we can to find them out.

I tell you these things anent the condition of the countrie that ye may let my good Lord Crafoard know the case we are in, that so the Lords of Counsel may take us under their care and particular protection, and if their Lordships would please to order the Governour off Invernes or the commander in chiefe to loudge ane hundreth men at Doulmacglas and as many or more at Abererdor, with a troop of dragoons (there is plentie of grass in that countrie), they would doe much to secure us, and all betwixt Spey and Ness, except the Hielanders should draw to a head againe, which we are boasted with, in whilk case those litle garrisones off Abererdor and Doulmacglas may easiely in two hours time retire to Invernes without danger, &c.

your affectionat brother and servant.

On the 20th November 1693, Sir Hugh Campbell of Calder and Hugh Rose of Kilravock, grant commission to David Cuthbert, brother-german to George Cuthbert of Castlehill, to sell their victual, bear, and oats, viz., 2500 bolls of bear, and 500 bolls of oats, "being the effects of our lands and estates upon the Murray firth."

Cuthbert is to repair forthwith to Edinburgh, and inform himself how the market rules at Edinburgh, in England and Holland. He shall be advised by Sir John Hall or any other intelligent substantial man.

If he finds no encouragement to sell at Edinburgh, he shall proceed to England, and it is left to his own judgment, if he find not a good price there, to go to Holland.

Cawdor and Kilravock are to receive in the first instance £5 Scots for each boll bear, and £4 for each boll oats, and any profit over and above this, to be halved equally. Cawdor and Kilravock getting one half in equal moieties, and Cuthbert the other.

Cuthbert engages to send to Arderseir as many vessels as may receive 1200 bolls bear of Sir Hugh's, 1100 bolls bear of Kilravock's, 200 bolls oats of Kilravock's, and 100 bolls oats of Sir Hugh's. He is likewise to send vessels to Cromarty to receive 500 bolls bear, and 200 bolls oats belonging to Kilravock, &c.

From the Lady Henrietta to Bailie Mackintosh of Inverness.

Calder, 27 October 1696.

Sir

I doubt not but you have fresh weres com home in the last ship. Pray cause fill this ston botle with the best vinigare: the last I had from you was so bad I could hardlie make anie use of it. Send lykwayes half ane pound of wheit peper, ane pound of black peper, two ounce of nutmugs, two ounce of sinlmon, ane ounce of mess, set down the pryces still in a letter to my selff.

Sir, if the ship be not away, you would oblige me to send for sex pound of the best jecolat for our use, and ane pound of true te, but these most be bought by ane that hes skill to choise them, for ther is much jecolat that is ridish, a mixtour of eggs that I cannot abyd. The fynest is of a broune cullor and verie plesent to the test This is all at present from

your verie loving frind

H. Steuart.

For Ballie Mc Intosh merchant at Inverness; in his absence to his wife, These.

ACCOUNT C. 1696.

For 3 dissen china oranges	£3, 8s.
For 1 dissen limons	£1, 10s.
For 4 hunder oasteris	£1, 12s.
For one crill	8s.

The following is in Lady Henrietta's own hand, and was perhaps noted by her as the price current of the day. There is no date, but the memorandum is probably about 1680, as it was enclosed in an account of that date.

A NOTE OF LIQUORS AND SPICES.

New brandie, true Nance £3 per pint.
Best seck, true Spanish, 36s. per pint.
Claret wine 30s. per pint or £8 Sterling the ½ hogshead.
Vinegar good, 16s. per pint.
Best loaf sugger 20s. per lb.
Reasings 10s. per lb.
Currans 12s. per lb.
Pruns 3s. 4d. per lb.
Ryce no ryce but poligest is 3s. per lb.
Hair groat 10s. per lb.
Mace of the best sort £22 per lb.
Cinamon best £9 per lb.
Nutmegs £8 per lb.
Gemaca peper £3 per lb.
White peper 41s. per lb.
Black peper 23s. per lb.
Capoures . . .
Olives . . .
Tee, finest thee £24 per lb.
Jaculat, best sort £3 per lb.
Candie bread sugger 26s. per lb.

EXTRACTS OF AN ACCOMPT OF THE FUNERALL CHARGES OF THE DECEASED SIR ALEXANDER CAMPBELL OF CALDER. ILA, SEPR. 1697.

Item claret wyne and brandie £247, 13s. 4d.

Advanced by John Smyllie merchant in Glasgow, cloath and furniture for mourning cloaths to the servants and necessars for the coffin £367, 14s. 4d.

Advanced by the said John Smyllie confections weat and dry, and sweetmeats £31, 18s. 10d.

Item for malt and aquavytie £343, 6s.

Item for tobaca, pypes, candle, wax, sugar, &c. . . .

Advanced by the chamberlane of Killarow parochine, meall, muttone, hens, &c. £302, 0s. 4d.

Item given to William Smith chyrurgiane, for his attendance and caire before and after the defuncts deceass £220.

Summa £1654, 11s. 6d.

DOUBLE LETTER, CAPTAINE Mc CULLOCH TO CAPTAINE Mc LEAN. 1699.

SIR

Haveing received yours shewing me wherin I offered you money to assassinat the Master of Loavat: The offer was never proposed; bot I offered you 50 guinyies to have keeped correspondence betwixt the Lady and her brother, and 100 to take her away, without the sheding of blood, all which proposalls you absolutly refuised, and I doe declaire you and I am innocently free of any such calumnies, and noe honest or faithfull man hes ground to beleive the same, and therfor, Sir, I am your most humble servant. Sic subscribitur Jo. Mc culloch. Dated at Marybrugh, 16 March 1698.

Att Invereray the 22 Sepr. 1699 yeires.

This is the trew double of the above principall letter sent by Captaine John Mc culloch to Captaine James Mc Leane dewly compaired and colla-

tioned by us the gentlemen and nottar publict undersubscribing. Wittnessing our hands plase day moneth and year forsaid.

J. Mᶜ NACHTAN.
A. Mᶜ NACHTAN.
JA. CAMPBELL.
JO. Mᶜ LACHLANE.

COPPY AGREEMENT WITH MASSONS FOR THROWING DOWN THE LITTLE TOWER AND BUILDING NEW WORK.

At Calder, 31 January 1699 yearis, it is contracted and agreed betuixt Sir Hugh Campbell of Calder on the on pairt, and James Nicolson in Delnies, and Robert Nicolson in Achineim in maner efterfollowing. That is to say the said James and Robert bind them to performe the work underwryten: In the first place they are to cast down the litle tower of Calder to the very foundation if need be, and to preserve the stones as heall as they can, especiallie the hewen work, and to remowe all that they cast doun so far from the foot of the wall that ther may be roum to found the new work underwryten, and bring in lyme and clay to build the samen. Which being done they are in the next place to build up the north wall of the litle touer, and joyn it to the north wall of the wolts under the hall, and to make that wolt now under the touer sufficient again with ane outward and inward doors to the said wolt as it hes presently, but the outward door to be placed as far from the angle as the said Sir Hugh shall think fitt. They are to build the walls of the said tower of the same thicknesse as they are presently, till they be lewell with the croun of the wolt. They are lykewayes to cast doun the waults adjacent to the said tower to the foundation, and to cast doun the frontier wall betuixt the south end of the said waults and the said litle tower to the ground, or as farr as shall be necessar, and which being done they are to build a new frontier wall that shall run alonges in ane equall lyne with the easter wall of the litle tower, and to joyn the same to the litle tower very closs, and when they have extended the same as farr to the south as the geavell of the said waults is at present, they are to build ane cownie, and to extend ane wall from thence at south, closs joyned with the frontier

wall, and then to build that wholl new wall as high as the croun of the wault of the litle tower is presently. Remembered that the saidis sydwallis is to be fywe foot thik: and then they are to build ane wault extending from the south geavell of the litle waults now standing to the north sydwall, leaving room for a stair ceass which is to be built upon the midle wall tuixt that and the great hall in maner underwryten; the said wault is to have one or two chimnies according as the said Sir Hugh shall think fitt at the founding, the sydwallis of the said wault are to be four foot and ane half thik or more as the said Sir Hugh shall advyse, in which wault lykewayes ther is to be alse many windowes to the east, not exceeding fyve, with on to the south and ane other to the north, all of such wydness within and daylight without, as the said Sir Hugh shall think fitt. Item in the west syde of the said wault, ther is to be fyve or six arches that shall goe in two foot and ane half in the wall or therby, for receaveing of cabinets and presses for books without incroiching upon the flewer, and to be finished above with belliebreces as the windowes, or otherwayes as the meassones shall advyse; the croun of the said wault is to ryse as high as the flewer of the great room above the hall, leaveing room for flewering either with deallis or peament ston; the said wault is to be all allyke wyde, either fourteen, fyfteen or sexteen foot according as we shall find convenient at founding. They are to bring and extend the south sydwall of the hall upon the top of the said wault, allonge as farr as the east south east corner of the tower is now, or as the sydwall which is to be built in place of it shall come, and to extend the north wall of the said hall as farr to the east, and to raise a geavell betuixt them two sydwallis as high as the rest of the geavellis of the hall with two windowes and a chimnie in every storie proportionable to the windowes above the great hall. They are to putt a chimnie in the great hall not so very lairge as it is now, and ane other in the roum above, placed as they are even now, and to finish the geavell and chimnie-heads in the same maner, only that upon the south syde of the said geavell ther is to be peatt stones of eighteen inches broad at least, made lyke a stair in the midle of the wall, by which ther may be a convenient way for getting up to make cleen the chimnies, and a convenient place made at the neck of the chimnies of that and the easter geavell to receive the ends of two or three

jeastis, by the help of which and a raill upon the out syde any bodie may pass saifly and easily to make cleen the chimnies of the easter geavell; and so they are lykwayes to build ane sufficient stair caice at the end of the longe wault on that syde that lyes next the great hall, which stair is not to appear without nor within the house but is to be taken altogither of the end of the said galerie, and to be so finished that the main roiff may cower all. They are lykwise to build two kirnalls or rounds seilled over the wall, that the gun holl may clenge the futt therof two wayes, and the rounds to be so finished, that they may need no roof, but may be made watertight in common forme either with timber or lead. The bodie of the house being so finished they are to build two sydwallis upon the flank of the longe wault, or as much of the same as fallis without the sydwall of the main house, and to build a geavell at the south betuixt the said two sydwalls to receive a roof to cower the waults, and the said sydwalls and geavell to be raised only so high as the roof of the garrett which is to be over the said wault may cheik closs under the water teable of the main house, and to make a door and as much high in the south geavell of the said garrett as can possibly be hade: They are to make the stair that leads now up to the wall head fitt to receive a rooff which may joyn to the said garret. Item upon the wall within the said garrett and upon the owter wall be east it, they are to build a thin brest wark eighteen inches thik or therby, and the space betuixt the said sydwalls and the garrett to be made watertight with spouts and alrinn or arlnin, but upon the west syde ther is a stair to be built by which a sure and easie passage may be made to the grett ston stair abovementioned which is to lead up to the chimnie heads; ther is a passage or a doore to be betuixt the chamber which is to be over the tope of the wault in the main house and the said garrett which is to cover the rest of the wault. They are to make a cleer fair passage for the water that falls in the inner closs to pass under the flewer of the long wault into the ditch which carries away the water that comes from the spout besyd the washing house. For the which cause the said Sir Hugh bindis him to pay to the said James and Robert Nicolsones and ther servants and fellow labourers upon ther order the soume of 1800 merks, and that in maner underwryten. In the first place he is to furnish them meall for themselves and ther workmen ther mantinence as

they shall call for the same, not exceiding 40 bollis of meall in wholl, and the said meall to be allowed to the said Sir Hugh in pairt payment of the said soum at the rait and pryce of each boll according as the said Sir Hugh hes gott for the fermes he hes allreddie sold, but incaice it please God the wictuall grow cheaper, the said Sir Hugh shall exact of them the ordinar pryce currant in the countrie. In the next place the said Sir Hugh is to allow what restis of fermes is dew be the said James and Robert or any of ther workmen to them respective in payment of ther pairt of the remander of the said soum as above, and whatever remaines unpayed of the said soume, the said Sir Hugh obleidges him to pay the same at the termes follòwing, and the remander (if any be) be two equall halfes, the on half when the said long wault is finished and the wholl work brought lewell with the croun therof, and the other half by equall divisiones the on half when all the walls are levelled and the other half when the work is finished. Lykas the said Sir Hugh bindis him to furneish the saids meassones with packats buckats barrowes single or double as they please to call for, timber and nailes for fittgangs and scafalds, and to bring lyme and clay within ten foot of the wall, and to bring such spouts and arlnin and paement as they shall win in the corie of Nairn [or] of Caussie within ten futt lykewayes of the said wall, and the said Sir Hugh is herby bund to pay to the said James and Robert ten shillings Scots money per diem for each measson, and sex shillings Scots money for each barrowman that shall be idle on a fair work day through the said Sir Hugh his default, and the said James and Robert bind them to finish the said work weel suffeciently neetly and compleetly, (the said Sir Hugh doeing his pairt) betuixt and the 15th October next in this instante yeare 1699.

The following document, though called an Account, is rather a Calculation or Estimate of the Expense of the Establishment at Cawdor. Its interest does not depend upon the summation, which is not easily understood.

ACCOMPT OF THE CHARGE AND EXPENCES FOR MANTEINANCE OF THE FAMELIE OFF CALDER, TO THE HOUSE AND THE POOR.

Item of meall and malt	220 bolls.
Item of slaughter cowes, more then my own fold can afford, being 12, at 20 merks the peice	240 merks.
Item for 12 ston sheugar	180 merks.
Item for salt, irne, sopp, winiger and all other spices	400 merks.
Item for sack wyne and brandie	180 merks.
Item for tobaco and pypes	50 merks.
Item for reneweing of linine for beadds teable and shirts	200 merks.
Item for renewing of weshellis potts panns dishes trinsheris candlestickis barrels and weshells for brew-house kitchen and milk house	100 merks.

SERVANTS FEIES.

To a cheplane	100 merks.
To the gentleman	
To the butler	60 merks.
To the cook	60 merks.
To the cooks man	20 merks.
To the porter	20 merks.
To the cotchman	30 merks.
To the two footmen	50 merks.
To two gentlewomen	150 merks.
To the chambermaid, three byrewomen and dairy maid	15 merks.
Summa totalis	2015 merks.
In victual extends to	320 bolls.
To the greive	12 bolls.
To the gardiner	12 bolls.
To the maltman	10 bolls.
To the sheepherd	5 bolls.
Totall victuall to pay the abov wrytten accompt is	561, 3.

We have several accounts of purchases of books from David Cathcart and John Calderwood in Edinburgh, by Sir Hugh and his Lady. Sir Hugh's taste was for theological works, and books on the ecclesiastical and political controversies of the 17th century.

An alphabetical catalogue includes many of the Latin Fathers; the Scripture commentaries of the time, a few medical works, most of the Latin Classics, Church Histories, &c. A specimen may give an idea of the library of a Scotch gentleman of the time, who was well satisfied of his own fitness to determine questions both in Church and State.

Jacobi Arminii Opera; Bentivoglio's Relation of Flanders; The Spirit of Bondage; Alix Preparation for the Lord's Supper; Culpepper or the English Physician; Commenius Janua Linguæ Latinæ; Gentlemans Calling; Gassendi Disquisitiones Metaphysice; Gouge's Call to Sinners; A commentary of Hosea by Sibbs; Jurieu's Scripture Prophecies Accomplished; Knatchbull's Animadversions on the Test; Mortification and Sincerity by Low; Compleat Gardiner and Ciderist; Psalteria Hebraica; Spence on Turren's Life; Watson's Divine Cordial; Dickson on the Hebrews; Henrici Alstedii Chronologia; The Academy of Sciences; Clavis Bibliorum; Burges' Doctrine of Original Sin; A dispute against English Popish Ceremonies; Bennet's Theological Concordance; Shepherd's Morality of the Sabbath; Luther's Sermons; Secker's Nonsuch Professor; Concilium Tridentinum; Cunæi Respublica; Spottiswood's History of the Church of Scotland; Burnet's Memoirs of Dukes of Hamilton; Bossuet's Controversies; Gauseni Dissertationes; Bailie's Chronology; Examen Arminianismi; The Works of St. Augustine, Thomas Aquinas, Theodore Beza, Buchanan, Bp. Burnet, Baxter, Barclay (Apology), Bellarmine, Calderwood, Calvin, Descartes (Philosophia, Meditationes, Ars Cogitandi), Melanchthon; Epicurea Philosophia; Geographia Strabonis; Hoornbeck de Independentismo; Josephus; Justiniani Lucubrationes; Owen's Works; The Countesse of Pembroke's Arcadia; Plutarch's Lives; Turner's Pallas Armata; Commentaria in Aristotelem; Rutherford's Works; S. Rolles on the murther of K. Charles; Sanderson's History of K. Charles I.; Stillingfleet; Scharpii Cursus Theologicus; Taciti Opera; Temple's Works.

Apology for the Oath of Allegiance; Assembly's Confession of Faith Examined; Book of Common Prayer for Scotland; Bastwick against the

Independents; England's Religion and Doctrine; Gospel Ministry by the Ministers of London; Infants to be baptized; The Jurisdiction of Princes; Knox's History of the Reformation; Machiavelli Opera; Magistracy or the Magistrate the Leader; The Murther of King Charles; Nonconformists Plea; Parker against the sign of the Cross; Predestination by the Synod of Dort; Shephard's Treatise of Liturgies.

Inventar of the Lady Calder her books, taken 18 Sepr. 1705.

Alain's [Alleine's] Godly Fear; Alain's Vindiciæ Pietatis; Answer to the Clergie's Contempt; Abercromby's Art of Divine Converse; Art of Complaisance; Argyle's Instructions to his Son; Apology for the oppressed persecuted Ministers in Scotland; Balm from Gilead; Burnet's Life of E. of Rochester; Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress, Sighs from Hell, &c.; Book of Palmestry; R. B. Golden Chain; Brown's Swan's Song; Calamy's Divine Meditation; Doolittle's Works; Geddes' Saints Recreation; Gray's Spiritual Warfare; Guthrie's Christians Great Interest; Hodder's Arithmetic; Patrick's Hearts Ease; Quarles's Divine Fancies, and Enchiridion; Rutherford's Letters and Works; Raleigh's Remains; Ruthven's Ladies Cabinet enlarged; Rules of Civility; Speed's Husbandry; Sylvester's Being for ever with the Lord; Shepherd's Select Cases Resolved; Sutton's Meditation on the Sacrament; The Whole Duty of Man; Naphtali; Thomas a Kempis Christian Pattern; Wither's Speculum Speculativum, &c.

Letter from a Friend, perhaps the Family Agent, at Edinburgh.

Your cheiffe is in good health and for the present at Newcastell at his countrie house at Shirtoune, which hes purchased at £5000 Sterling. He keeps his ground still as to his publict posts. His sone is abroad in the Dutch armie, who is of as heigh mettall as any young cheiffe that ever ye had.

Your cussin Mr. Coline Campbell of Bogholl hes past his tryalls as ane lawier, and he acquitt himself to admiratione, and by the unanimous report

of the haill examinators he is the best civillian that past since the Revolutione. I think all his freinds sould give him incoradgement till once we see how your awne sone proves. Ye may if ye think it convenient imploy him as ane lawier in your famelie concerns. If ye give directione anent it, I sall be obliged. Adew.

FROM COLIN CAMPBELL SON OF DONALD OF BOGHOLE.

Edinburgh, 2 December 1702.

SIR

Receive herewith inclosed a line from the Duke of Argyle who hes lykeways wryte to Culloden to the same effect to concurr with you. I know not if its proper to let Kilravock know anything of his Graces inclinations least the prejudice of a court party would disgust him, but shall leave it wholly to your own prudence to take the most proper methods to accomplish the design.

His Grace is most impatient to have your return quhich I hope you will remit as soon as possible, and God willing, I am fully resolved to wait upon you at Calder in the spring vacance and noe longer to delay my self that satisfaction quhich hes been soe long most earnestly desyerd by

Sir

your most affectionat nephew and most humble servant

Co. CAMPBELL.

FROM SIR HUGH TO THE DUKE OF ARGYLE.

Calder, 31 May 1703.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR GR.

This goes by the Laird of Lethen and although he wer not my son in law, as he is, he is the second famillie of a people who are able and willing to serve you and are sufficiently adicted to your Gr. as

they wer to your father and grandfather before you. I leave it to himself to give you ane accompt of his bussienes with Mooreton, for whom I most owne I have kyndnes enough, and therefore wish that your Gr. may make it your first busienes if possible to aggrie them. And if that cannot be, since the loss that Mooretoun hes, is occasioned by ane extraordinar providence of God, by the sea's making a breach upon the toune of Findhorne, it seems to me very unreasonable that he will not bear the loss which comes by the hand of God, bot will lay it upon his neighbor by building upon land and bringing his boatts by water to a place which will spoyle Lethens fishing of nyne hundreth or a thousand punds rent. Your Gr. will find my sone in law very reddie to comply with your Gr. commands, I wish ye may find Mooreton so to · · · · I know ye love not long letters and so add no more, but remane certainly with all deference and greatest esteeme.

May it please your gr.
your gr. most faithfullie affectionat and humble servant.

From the Laird of Brodie.

Right honorable and Dear Cos.

I had your letter and communicat with the bearer the contents of it, as I did lykvais with your freinds Kilraik and Culloden, and I would have concurred with them in anie thing within my power for bringing about the filling of your church with Mr. Robertson, bot we had no occasion to act or doe in it, as the bearer can tell you, for I have reallie a sympathie with the good Ladie Calder, who suffers much by the vacancie and desolation of the parish, bot reallie I am of opinion that neither you or Grant will gett him, bot I think the man Mr. Robertson worthie of all your pains and endeavours about him.

Your nevoy the bearer being so inteligent, and a wittnes to all that is done heir amongst us in Parliament, can give you a better account of them then I can writt. Ther are to manie parties and factions driving ther own

ends and designs, and conterarie on to another, that we know not what to make off aniething we have been doeing or imployed about. The Court partie had never such contradiction and difficultie to carie anie bussines as att this tyme, and they ar divydit amongst themselves. The M. of Athol Tarbatt and Chancelor as we suppose ar in a bottom and in understanding with the D. of Hamiltoun, and that part with the Commissioner has Argyle, Anandaile, the famelie of Stair and others with them. We have been upon ane act of securitie thir 6 weeks bygon and have not as yet finished it, nor ar we sure if anie of our acts be touched or gott the Queins autoritie interposed to them. This letter would swell if I wer to insert all particulars, bot thes I remitt to the bearer. I am verrie sorrie for the loss of your daughter, and your own and my Ladie's affliction upon that account. I wish you both this night improvement of that and all other dispensations. I have writt to your sone Archibald several tymes since I cam to this place upon those particulars I have to doe with you and your famelie, bot have had no answer, for "ther is a long cry to Lochaw."

I need not recomend so near a relation to you as this bearer, your own nevoy, who is verrie deserving and much commendit and of great expectation, and you and I being both now old men, I would think it your interest and the interest of your famelie to incuradge and endeavour to sett him up, wherin I shall be wiling to concurr with you, and when I have said this, I give you my solemn word and if it wer necessar my oath upon it, that neither he himself or his mother did ever speak me on this subject, bot it is meirlie and only of my selfe without the least inclination. I shall say no more at this tyme bot my humble duty to my Ladie Calder and my good wishes to you and your famelie and al my relationes with you, and I am still

your affectionat coosing and servant

J. Brodie.

Edr. 9 Aug. 1703.

For Sir Hugh Campbell off Calder.

FROM SIR HUGH TO HIS NEPHEW COLIN.

Calder, 4 October 1703.

LOVING NEPHEW

You will see Mr. Forbes and tell him I wonder that he does not come to see me since I can not go to see him. You will give my service to my dear billy Moy, and tell him that I am sory to hear he has hade a great fitt of the gravell, and that I wish heartily he could creep west here on some faire day. My new water is very diuretick, and I would coker and date with the best things this place affoords, viz. broth veall and vanison to drink, jeally broth to feed him, and a sack possat now and then. I would spaire nothing to doe him good, for he is very dear to me, and he would recover his strength the sooner that he laid bussines asyde for a litle while and divert himself with my books. I would glaidly see Moortoun that we might clear our accompts. Gett me notice if Mr. Dauson's mumbear and sack can be win at, and I shall send for some of it, and I'le take ten or twelve if not twenty ston of Moortouns iron. Give my kind love to Graing and his Lady, the old Laird Innes and young Laird Innes and his Lady, to Mr. James Gordon and his wyff and all the famely in Moortoun. Come home as soon as you well can, I begin already to long for you, and you will be very welcome to

your loving uncle

S. H. C. CALDER.

For Mr. Collin Campbell of Bogholl advocate. These.

FROM THE COUNTESS OF MORAY.

Dunibristle, 10 October 1704.

DEAR SIR,

I hope you will forgive me that I did not with my oun hand answer your former letter, but the Earle and Countess of Panmour with my Lady Yester and severall others were here and just going to dinner as

your sarvent came, and I would not detain him since he was going to Edinburgh with letters.

I send you inclosed a letter from Mr. Falconer who gives you ane account at larg of the affair recommended to us. I was to blame not to gett more particular directions from you, for I know not whether you be content to be at the charge of printing or would have the sell of the book defray the expence, so emidiatly after you informe me of your pleasur as to this, no tyme shall be lost. I have exactly obeyed you, for non except on person ever saw your book, nor shall not till you give allowance.

The French did certainly gett the worst in Bavaria, but its as certain they gott the better at sea. . . .

I do asure you, Dear Sir, your letters are very acceptable, so never fail an ocation, for wherever my Lord and I are, it will be welcome news to us to hear of my dear aunt's welfair and yours. I give my duty and sarvice to her. My lord doth the same to you both, with our sarvice to our cusings Archibald and his Lady and Mrs. Anne and all the rest of our friends in Morray. I sent tother day to inquire for Brodie. He is much better at present, and has sent for his horses, but most people thinks his distemper will hing upon him till it end him. I am, kind Sir Hew

your most humble sarvent

M. Morray.

Lett me know how to direct a letter for you by the post, which I shall do if any thing occur worth your notice.

The following is from a long letter of Colin, Sir Hugh's nephew. The first part is taken up with an account of the reception of Sir Hugh's "Treatise on the Lord's Prayer" by the General Assembly :—

Edr. 2 April 1705.

My mother and all here are overjoyed to hear that my Lady is some better, and may Allmighty God longe preserve her and compleat the re-

covery, to the great comfort and satisfaction of her family and friends. You will receave the oysters quhich I wish may prove good, as also the spectacles and 2 nightcaps. I am affraid they may be to litle, but could get none larger in the town and only sent you at a venture that you might not think they wer neglected. Wednisday nixt being the 4th instant, Capt. Green Capt. Mader with the other condemned persons are to be hanged at Leith for pyracy and murder committed upon the ship person and crew of Capt. Drummond. This affair at first was very intricate, and the judge mightily straitned upon the probation, but now most of the criminalls have acknowledged the fact. I hear your son Mr. George is very weell and will be hear in a few weeks in company with the Duke of Argyle. I am

Sir

your affectionate nephew and most obedient servant

Co. CAMPBELL.

The Right honorable Sir Hugh Campbell of Calder.

EXTRACT FROM LETTER OF COLIN C. OF BOGHOLE TO SIR HUGH.

As to the querys anent Glenmoristoun I thought it of too great moment to give you my single opinion, and therefore communicated the same to Mr. Forbes, and I am hopefull the joint solutions will please. They are as plain as possible, soe that I shall add litle or nothing further on the point. Only one thing that ye omitted, that I see nothing to discourage you from adjudging Glenmoristoun's whole estate, &c. which I think may utterly defeat all former ones; if it is not yet, that Glenmoriston might cancell Inches dispositione to him and take a new dispositione in a trustees name, and considering the temper of that two footed limping animall, its to be feared a tempting bait would make him yield.

Mr. George was posted Tuesday last in [the] Guards as the first earnest of his preferment and he stands extreamly in my Lord Commissioner's

favor. Our session being near to sit down I cannot soe quickly have the satisfaction to wait on you at Calder as my inclinations lead me, but God willing shall not faill tyme next harvest. And with my most humble duty to my Lady and family I conclude

Sir

your affectionate nephew and most obedient humblest servant

Co. CAMPBELL.

Edr. 11 May 1705.

This morning after ending my letter your nephew Collonell Hay dyed. I have in end got Mr. Carstairs' letter.

The first part of the letter is taken up with intelligence of the reception of Sir Hugh's "Treatise" by Mr. (Principal) Carstairs, &c.

FROM THE COUNTESS OF MORAY.

Edinburgh, May 23, 1705.

SIR

I had yours by this bearer. Yesterday I came hether, all my errand was to se the Commissioner who was very earnest to se me. He is very affectionat to all his relations which is a very good quality.

I shall long to know what answers you have gott to your last letters. I hear some of the ministers in the country begins to say the Lord's Prayer. I hear Cuming is on who lives near Edr.; also upon Sunday last Mr. Carstairs who preached in the Abby to the Commissioner said the words with a Paraphras upon every sentence. I hear Balnagoun has brought a little book to town to be printed to confut yours, the title of which is "The Lord's Prayer the best of patterns, but not a form." He told this at Dunibrisle, but I was not present at the tyme, and said it answered all you had writt, which I doubt extreamly.

I have not as yett seen my cousin Georg but its like he called at my

lodging this afternoon. I dined at the Abby this day and stayed there till the evening. I suppose you have heard long err now that he is made ensigne in the foot guards, and the Commissioner has gott a promiss of the first Captain's commission that's vacant for him. This I hope his mother will not vex herself about, since the Guards never go out of this country.

My Lord and I designe, please God, to be in Morray nixt spring. I pray God prolong my dear aunt's life, that I may be so happy as to se her there again. Pray give my most affectionat sarvise to her. My Lord gives his to you both. Adieu dear kind Sir Hugh.

Draft of a Letter by Sir Hugh apparently to Kilravock, M.P. for the County.

Sir and

My dear cousin, yours of the 13th of Nov. came to my hand at midday upon the 29. I received a packet of prints for which I thanke you. According as you desired, I have called for all the freeholders in the shire that they might advise you in the matter of the Union. I told you my thoughts of it before you went south, in short all of us are of the same mind, and although we be very desirous to live in love and friendship with the rich and wise and good people of England, yet we desire not to be incorporate into one kingdom with them, since we are sensible that cannot be without loss of honour and interest. We have had the honour of being a kingdom and a free people governed by our own laws for more than two thousand years. We have had a hundred and eleven kings before our present gracious Queen whom God long preserve, an honour which few kingdoms in Christendom can pretend to, and for point of interest its evident and capable of a full demonstration, that poverty and being undervalued be all nations in the world, even by the English themselves would be a consequence of an incorporat union, but a federall union and free trading would certainly be an advantage, and its a wonder that a free trade was not established betwixt them, when we came first to be under the same

king. The motion of an incorporat union that has been made and is so far advanced, is like to do more harm then the projectors or promoters were aware of. We are grieved at the heart at the report we have of the great heats and divisions we heare are in the Parliament, quhich instead of uniting us to England is like to divide us among ourselves and make our friendship signifie very little. · · · · I thinke it were not so good service to the Queens Ma. or countrey to furnish arguments for or against it, as to find out some healing overtures that might unite and make us all of one minde, whether for or against it, and were I capable of making such an overture and able to travail (quhich you know I am not) I would be glad to run to Edr, though it were ten times further from this, and propose it. · · · · I shall not inlarge, only assure you that I know not a man in this or Inverness shire who is for the incorporat union, and if any had been at the pains ye might have got an address against it, subscribit by every man that can write his name. · · ·

From Geo. Brodie of Aslisk.

Sir

Your servant brought yow the lamentable news of the death of your dear friend Brodie. God is humbling this familie. I wish we may learne to draw near to him, that our end may be alse blest in the Lord as his was.

Sir, it was amongst his last words to me that I might burie him with his Ladie on the same day, and it is the opinion of his children and other friends here to obey his commands; and I have sent this bearer to you to know if the cariage of your coach be intire to carie on of them, or if in two or three days you can make it so. We have horse in abundance, but you would also informe us if you can lend us wheel harnesing for two horse. You will be pleased to give us ane distinct accompt of this, that we do not trust to your cariage and be disapoynted, and if Kilravock or you do not furnish us with a cariage, we will be necessitate to burie them separately.

You will show your sone Sir Archibald that he needs not come here to my Ladies buriall untill he gett new advertisement.

your affectionat coosing and most humble servant

GEO. BRODIE.

Brodiehouse, 5 March 1708.

To the Laird of Calder.

FROM SIR HUGH TO THE TENANT OF ARDERSEIR, PROBABLY KYLACHY.

29 March 1709.

MUCH RESPECTED

You see upon this paper a coppie of my letter of this days date to the Presbitrie.

The next thing I'm to tell you is that I have now taken full possession of Auchindown and intend to sow it every rig, if God will. My neighbours are very kinde, Cantra and Strone and the people of Budgate and the people of Park give me a dayes work of every plough they have. I had two and thirtie plows of my own there this day, and I hope to have twice as many to morrow, and upon Thursday I expect you will not fail betimes in the morning to send up your own two ploughs and that every man who has a plough going in Arderseir may do the like. I do not crave this as that which is peremptorly due, but as an act of kindness, which I hope I will resent and I hope repay it not only to my tennants but to every man else that assists me in this juncture. I have written to William Campbell of Delnies to this same purpose. I suppose there are 22 or 23 plows going in Arderseir and 14 or 15 in Delnies. I will have severall servants there to direct them where to plow. They will do well to bring up a little straw or a sheaf of corn to refresh their beasts.

your reall friend and cousin to my power

S. H. C. CALDER.

FROM COLIN CAMPBELL OF BOGHOLE.

London, 8 August 1710.

SIR

I was this morning with your grandchild and shewed him your letter, and from that took occasion to press his going down to Scotland, quhich he heard very willingly and is fully resolved to see you at Calder next spring. He is advised by his physicians to go to Bath. In my former I told you quhat legacyes my Lady Lort had left, and quhen all is payed, I think your grandchild will clear £2000, besydes the house in Golden Square with the house and gardens at Turnham Green quhich are rented near £200 per annum. I find my Lady Campbell a little inclined to sell her jointure in Scotland to her son.

This day sevennight being the first current, there was a Cabinet Councill for above 4 hours, quhat past is still a secret. The Parliament was prorogued till the 29 of this moneth, but most are still of opinion it will dissolve and that the ministry will be wholly changed. If the Parliament is dissolved a new ministry must follow. In my last to your son I told him your grandchild was most desyrous to get in to the House in case of a new election. I hope you will try all possible means to bring over Drummoor to consent to it, or quhat other method you shall think more proper. That would be the most acceptable complement can be made the young gentleman, for he is most earnest to obtain it if possible. I am

Sir

your affectionat nephew and most humble servant

Co. CAMPBELL.

The following letter, apparently addressed to the Presbytery, enforces several of the old Thane's opinions against the omission of the Lord's Prayer, against licensing Probationers, and against Lay Elders. These opinions, especially the first, and his pertinacious advocacy of it, are known by his published work, and this letter may be conveniently abridged.

Calder, January 1st, 1711.

VERY REVEREND

That you think my letters a trouble is what I must conclude by not answering me, but I assure you and you may depend upon it, I never intend to print any more letters I shall receive from you, so that you may write your mind freely in answer to what I have to say at this time. And first I'm sure your not concludeing your worship with the Lord's prayer is not only ane ommission of your duty, but a great prejudice to the Government, since what I have said already is more than any hes (or I think) can answer. I shall add but one word which is that you haue a promise of being heard when you make use of that prayer in faith, which cannot be so well applyed to any other prayer whether privat extemporary conception or a sett form composed tho' by a hundred ministers met together.

I hope you will not discourage me and the people from the great and good design I had and have still of settling eight or ten schools which shall be so placed that all the puir people in the paroch shall have their children taught to read the Bible without the least expence, and even the tennents have their children taught for very little. I have three of the schools sett up already, and will settle the rest as soon as I can get masters or mistrisses to teach them. I'm sure you will think the vacant stipends better bestowed that way than upon probationers, and if you hinder so good a design, I shall be very sorry for it.

Very Reverend, I ever was and am still your friend, and the best way I can evidence my being so, is by adviseing and entreating you to ammend what's amiss in the Government, and whether you do or not, I will endeavour to do you all the good I can, and shall do nothing with design to do you hurt.

FROM BREADALBANE.

SIR AND HONORED CUSINE

I have left it to Sir Duncan Campbell to give you an account of the good reception of your letter to him. It was what I expected from

you from old acquaintance. Your grandson Duncan has been severall times to see me, and I am very glad to find him one who I doubt not will be very dutifull to you and who has sucked in your principles, and if I need to recommend so near a relation to you, I think him a very proper person to execute your orders amongst those of your dependence, and he will be very usefull to you in helping you to manage those who are at a distance from you to right sentiments in these criticall times. I think to leave this place in a few days, and therefore I leave this with him to shew you my good oppinion of him and my sincere respects for yourselfe and your family, being, Sir and honored cusine,

your affectionat cusin and humble servant

BREADALBANE.

I do believe you will think it very proper to send Duncan to Argyllshire amongst your people there, to encourage them to support the Queen's interest with all their might and vigure.

London, May 6th, 1714.

FROM SIR DUNCAN CAMPBELL.

SIR

Yours of the 14th of Apryll came in due seasone, and was werrie agreeable to all your friends here and particularly to me. It carys its owne credentialls in itselfe for it has the genuine marks of your inward honest and loyall sentiments, and it is noe wonder it give all of us concerned in it much satisfactione since it proved very acceptable to the Queen herselfe to whom your good friend the Earle of Breadalbane shewed it, and he desires me to tell you that she was werie well pleased with soe genuine expressions of loyalty from you, and she thanked you for them. There is nothing cane be more acceptable to her, nor of greater service to her and her family then a strict unione amongst all true loyalists, which is alsoe our owne greatest security against all the enemys of the monarchy. Your

family and yourself have ever been loyall, and your interest is soe considerable that it is to be still esteemed as a waluable strenth to the Croune. Your grandson Duncan is wery well esteemed by your friends here as one who adheres to the principles of your family, and if it were necessary to a grandfather, we would all recommend him to you as one fitt to be trusted by you, and I in particular am with great sincerity

Sir

your obliedged cussine and most humble servant

DUN. CAMPBELL.

London, May 11th, 1714.

PROCLAMATION BY THE EARL OF MAR, 1715.

Our rightful and natural King James the 8th by the grace of God, (who is now comeing to releive us from our oppression) having been pleased to intrust me with the direction of his affairs and the command of his forces in this his ancient kingdom of Scotland; and some of his faithful subjects and servants met here, viz. the Lord Huntley, the Lord Tullybardine, the Earl Marischal, the Earl of Southesque, Glengary from the Clanns, Glendruile from the Earl of Breadalbine and gentlemen in Argyleshyre, Master Patrick Lyon of Auchterhouse, the Laird of Auldbar, Lieut. General George Hamilton, Major General Gordon and myself, taking into our consideration his Majesty's last and late orders to us, find that as this is now the time that he ordered us to appear openly in arms for him, so it seems to us absolutely necessary for his Majesty's service and the releiveing of our native countrey from all its hardships, that all his faithful and loving subjects and lovers of their countrey should with all possible speed putt themselves into arms.

These are therefor in his Majesty's name and by virtue of the power aforesaid, and by the King's speciall order to me thereanent, to require and impower you forthwith to raise your men friends and following with their best arms, and to order your grandchild Duncan Campbel younger of Clunies to march your men in the shyres of Inverness Murray and Nairn to joyn the

Mc kenzies and Mc phersons and the rest of the King's forces who are ordered to march throw Perthshyre towards Stirling.

This is lykeways impowering you to send any of your grandchildren you think fittest to raise the men of Ilay Muckairn and other places in Argyleshyre, and to transport the men of Ilay to Argyle and Lorn as shall be most convenient that there they may joyn the Earl of Breadalbine, Sir James Campbel of Auchinbreck, Sir Duncan Campbel of Lochnel, the rest of the loyal kindred and some of the Clanns who are ordered to act in conjunction with you and them, and to march towards Glasgow conform to orders already sent and to be sent to them.

You are also hereby impowered to secure what arms and ammunition are in the hands of suspected persons.

The King intending that his forces shall be payed from the time of their setting out, he expects as he positively orders, that they behave themselves civilly on their march and commit no plundering nor other disorders upon the highest penalties and his displeasure, which it is expected you'le see observed.

The King makes no doubt of your zeal for his service, especially at this juncture where his cause is so deeply concerned and the releiving of our native countrey from oppression and a forreign yoke too heavy for us and our posterity to bear; and now then is the time to endeavour the restoreing not only our rightful and native King, but also our countrey to its ancient free and independent constitution, under him whose ancestors have reigned over us for so many generations.

In so honorable good and just a cause, we cannot doubt of the assistance direction and blessing of Almighty God who has so often rescued the Royal family of Stewart and our country from sinking under oppression.

Your punctual observance of all these orders is expected. For the doing of all which this shall be to you and all you imploy in the execution of them a sufficient warrand

Given at Aboyn this 1st of September 1715.

MAR.

To Sir Hugh Campbel of Calder, and
Duncan Campbel younger of Clunies.

On the same paper, in another hand,

PRAY Sir, as soon as you have read and considered this, give it to your grandchild Duncan to put it in execution immediatly, for time presses.

Below, in a different writing, perhaps Archibald's, are the two following mandates, both subscribed by Sir Hugh in a tremulous hand,

Calder, Sepr. 19th, 1715.

LOVING GRANDCHYLD

Since I am not able to take the feild my selfe, these are therfore impowering you to doe every thing which I might doe my selfe, and that with all possible expeditione. This is by me,

S. H. C. CALDER.

To Duncan Campbell of Clunes younger.

Calder, September 23, 1715.

This is lykewayes impowering you by vertew of the forsaid commissione to act for me in every poynt therin conteined for me as if I were personally present, and lykewayes impowering you as soon as possible and without delay to draw owt my whole following in my North country esteate, wassalls tennents and others, with their best cloaths and airms, and three dayes provisions in ordor to be in readieness to march with all expeditione to the King's standard by the saifest and surest way you can think on, and if possible to encamp att Aldearne tomorrow night, for all which this shall be a sufficient warrant, and if ther be no provisions ready, to come without any.

S. H. C. CALDER.

To Duncan Campbell younger of Clunes.

FROM THE EARL MARISCHALL.

Fetteressoe, Sepr. 16th, 1715.

These are in his Majesty's name and authority, by virtue of a power given me by the Earl of Mar, whom his Majesty has been pleased to entrust with the management of his affairs in this his ancient Kingdom of Scotland, to require and impower you to raise what men you can, with their best arms, and forthwith to march towards Cowpar of Angus. You are likewise to seise arms and horses of disaffected persons in your neibourhood, for all which this shall be to you a sufficient warrant

MARISCHALL.

To Mr. Duncan Campbel of Clunes.

FROM SIR HUGH TO HIS GRANDSON GILBERT.

MY DEAR GRANDCHILD

Having wreaten to you at lenth by Mr. Falconer I shall say the less at this tyme, only tell you that I have ane earnest and very earnest desyre to see you and the sooner the better. I have been ever and am still projecting designing and doing whatever is in my power for your good and the good off the family which I trust in God you are to represent.

This goes by my friend William Dawson a merchant and a very honest man who is offten here, and can give you ane accompt off this place and the conveniences off it. He has seen the fyne young horse which I intend for you. I have a present likewise for your sister Susan and your brother and litle Nanie, so my dear grandchild I know you will doe all you can to perswade your mother to come here and bring such of you as can travell with her. I'm sure you shall not repent your coming. There is no thing can please me better then the character I have off you and off your sister Susan and indeed off all of you. What I say to you I say to your sister Susan, and that I hear you have a great desyre to see me. Wreat to me by the first post, let me know when I may expect you. You have many friends here now (especially your Aunt the Lady Meldrum) who will be

well pleased to be your companions, and this bearer will be very glad to wait on you and come this lenth with you. You will give my humble service to his Grace the Duke of Newcastle and to my Lady Susan your grandmother, who I am very glad to hear is very kind to all our grandchildren, and especially yourself. I have [and e]ver shall retain a very gratefull resentment of your my Lady Clintoun and my Lady Eleanor ther kindness [to my d]ear son your father and desyre you may take the [trouble to] goe purposly to visit and present them with my most humble duty, and so I pray God bless and preserve you and all myne, and committ us all to the direction and good will of Almighty God, and add no more at present, but that I am

My dear grandchild

your loving truly loving grandfather.

FROM SIR HUGH TO HIS GRANDSON JOHN.

Calder, 6 Jan. 1716.

MY DEAR GRANDCHILD

May this find you and my granddaughters in good health. I expected and doubted not but I would have seen you here long before this time, if the troubles and confusions that have interveened had not hindred; nor will I desire you now to make such a journey till we be something better settled. I write this only to bring Angus M^{c} intosh of Kylachie to your acquaintance. He is our near cusen and our tenent of a whole parroch of land. He pays yearly three hundred bolls barely and som meal and money. It was unknown to me he went that journey, but his children and other worse counselors prevailed with him to go with a number of his kindred where he went. He is a valetudinary man, and unfitt to be a soldier as you'l see by his right hand, which is not able to hold a sword, but his head is long enough, and so upon all accounts I earnestly desire you do him all the good offices of frindship that is in your power, as I would do myself, if I were where you are. A closs imprisonment will certainly destroy him, considering the circumstances of his age and health.

In short let him not want for no money, which will be thankfully repaid, for I'le take care to remitt it to London by bill.

I'm now old, and the oldest has had my place these hundred years, am compassed (as all old men are) with many infirmities, but desire and hope (if God will) to see you here before I leave this world, which I am sure would be a great advantage to you, for noe man can give you such an account of your affairs, and whom you may depend upon as true friends (and I hope you have noe enemies) as I can. To conclude, I desire you will do all in your power for Kylachie, and if possible to procure his liberty, which can never prejudge the Government. Were I there I would bind for it, and I am sure you may do so without any hazard, and so my dear grandson I send you my blessing, and I pray God bless you, which is a part of my prayers to God every day, and I remain

My dear grandchild

your truly affectionat grandfather.

Be sure to lett me hear from you in a few days after this comes to your hand. Kylachie will order the direction of your letters.

ACCOMPT of the CHARGES and EXPENSES bestowed upon the FUNERALLS of SIR HUGH CAMPBELL of Calder, who dyed on Sunday, 11th March, and was buried upon Thursday, March 29th, 1716 years.

To Patrick Clerk chirurgeon, who attended the said Sir Hugh the time of his sickness as per receipt £36.

Item to George M^c killigin chirurgeon for oyls, a sear cloth, and frankincense and other necessars and his attendance £60.

Item to the carpenters for makeing the two coffins, for makeing tables and other work £110, 13s. 4d.

To Baillie John Finlay in Forres for brandie £40.

To Baillie John Roy in Forres for Claret £25, 4s.

To James Cuthbert merchant, for 22 pints brandy at 48s. per pint, 18 wine glasses at 6s. per piece, 6 dozen pipes and 3 lb. cut tobacco, 2 pecks of apples, 2 gross corks, one large pewter flagon at £6 and one small £3, currants, raisins, cinnamon, nutmegs, mace, ginger, confected carvy, orange and citron peel, two pair black shambo gloves for women at £5, 8s., one pair ditto for men at £2, 4s., a fine jet necklace at 12s., &c., in all amounting to the sum of £407, 8s. 4d.

To Baillie Cattenach at Aberdeen for claret £82, 6s.

To John Fraser in Clunas for waters £35.

To John M^c^ ferchar to buy ane cow, ane oxe, fyve kidds, two wedders, eggs, geese, ducks, turkies, piggs and moorfowl £55, 15s.

To the tayleour £49, 4s.

To William Kerr painter at Forres for two furnished escutcheons at £100 Scots per piece £200.

Eight branches for the hearse, £48.

Four mortheads at 40s. per piece, £8.

Two little escutcheons for the horse at £12 Scots per piece, £24.

For the helmet and wreath, £15.

For two dozen knops colored and gilded, £3.

Thanes for the horse heads, £80.

To the baxter and cooke who dressed the meat for intertainment £39, 12s.

To the mortcloaths £10.

To the coachman who drove the hearse £6.

To expresses who carried the buriall letters £6, 6s.

To flour made use of at the funeralls, fyve bolls £40.

To malt brewn from the said Sir Hugh's death to the interment, sixteen bolls and ane half £88.

To Mr. John Calder minister at Calder for mournings £29, 10s. 10d.

Item Mr. James Smith (chaplain) £20.

To Thomas M^c^ quiban for making the grave £1, 6s. 8d.

Item for candle to the funerals £17, 13s. 4d.

Summa totalis £1647, 16s. 4d.

INVENTORIES TAKEN AT CAWDOR, 16 APRIL 1716.

The room in the second storie of the new work, one bed with lead coloured courteins, &c.

The armory (arms in the muckle wardrob).

Off Firelocks 25.

Off Matchlocks 19.

Off blew gunns 4.

Off Danes axes 36.

Four stands of colours.

Two thanes.

The best room with arras hangings, ane bed with courteins of red velvet covered with red flowered camlet, and lined with white Persian tafety, with a covering of Persian tafety lined with flannen, six velvet chairs covered with flowered camlet, a japaned cabinet, &c.

The mid chamber or drawing room, arras hangings, a bed with brown cloath courteins, &c.

The purple room hung with blew sarge, ane bed with purple cloath courteins lined with yellow Persian tafety with a quilt conform, eight graft stick chairs and two pictures, &c.

The high red room hung with red hangings, ane old bed hung with old green cloath, &c.

The gray room hung with gray druggat hangings, &c.

The drawing room hung with green hangings, &c.

The litle dining room hung with arras hangings, fourteen picturs thirteen carved chairs and two tables.

The litle hall hase only a table and two stools.

The kings room, three old feather beds, ane pallace, a large carpet, the seat of the coach with its cushins, &c.

The gallery hung with stryped hangings, &c.

The gallery seems to have contained the linens and napery, a list of which is given.

The tower hall hung with ane orange coloured druggat, ane bed hung with ane orange coloured cloath lined with linen, &c.

The charter house or volt chamber hase in it ane bed hung with blew sairge, five wainscot chaires.

The litle chamber has in it a bed hung with orange hangings, &c.

The low duckat chamber has in it brown druggat hangings, ane bed hung with brown sairge, two buffet stools in the closet of that room, &c.

The latter meat chamber has in it two tables and two buffet stools.

The large hall has in it ane iron grait, a map of the world, two picturs, twelve carpet chairs and ane large armed chair.

The little red chamber has in it red drugget hangings, ane bed with red courteins, &c. &c.

In the cap-house three beds, ane feather bed, &c. The last year's sheep skins are lying in it.

INVENTAR of the SILVER WORK received from WILLIAM M^{c} BEANE butler to the deceased SIR HUGH CAMPBELL of Calder, 18 April 1716.

A large pint tankard.
A large server.
Two large porringers.
Two smaller porringers.
Ane sugar box.
Two gilded cups.
Two goblets.
Two jugs.
Two old tumblers.
Four salts.
Seventeen silver spoons.

Ane old broken silver ladle.
Ane silver fork.

There follows an Inventory of live stock at the Mains, and a "rentall of the lands belonging to the Laird of Calder in the north." Also a list of the wadsets, from which we learn that Budgate was wadset to Mr. William Dallas for 10,000 merks; Torrich to Alexander Campbell for £1000; Wester Delnies to William Campbell for 2000 merks; Clunes, Flines, Boath, and Kapernach to Sir Archibald Campbell for 12,000 merks; Moyness to Bailie Barbour, Bailie Mackintosh and Bailie Watson for 32,000 merks; Blackhills to Alexander Falconer for 5200 merks; Leylands to the heirs of Mr. John Cumming for 2000 merks; Bogholl wadset for 20,000 merks.

From Patrick Stewart to the Sheriff of Nairn.

Sir

His Royal Highness being informed that there are severall persones concerned in the late Rebellion, who have fled from justice, and are either gone abroad or sculking up and down the country, therefore by a letter from my Lord Townshend of the 13th instant, his Lordship hath signified to me that it is his Royal Highness' pleasure, judging it highly necessar for his Majesty's service, that endeavours should be used to find out the names of such persones as have been concerned in the late rebellion and either fled abroad or sculking up and down in the country, and also that proper evidence be found against them. Wherefore I desire that you may furthwith transmitt to me, a list of such landed men within your shyre, as were concerned in the late rebellion, and are now gone abroad, or are sculking at home. I doe not here mean that you should only send me a list of such as you know certainly to have been in the rebellion, but also of such as by the common fame of the country, are said to have been engaged therein and are known to be out of the way, or sculking. This list may soon be made up, and therefore I hope soon to have a return from you as to this particular.

You cannot but know a great many of those in your bounds, who not

being landed men, were allowed upon their surrender of themselves and armes to return to their own homes, and to live peaceably without disturbance, wherefore I am directed to let you know that it is expected that you will call such persones before you and examine them as to their knowledge of the persones above mentioned their having been in armes in the rebellion, and that you will be pleased to give me a particular list of these persones that are capable of giveing evidence against them, and that you would mark at every persones name not only his name and surname designatione and place of aboad, but also the persones against whom he is capable of giveing evidence, and in this I hope you will be at some paines, that I may be in a condition to give such report of your dilligence to Court as is suitable to the office you are intrusted with.

As to the list of the landed gentlemen who have been in the Rebellion and are either fled or sculking, I desire that that may be sent up with all dispatch, seeing you need not wait the event of finding evidence against them, that being to be done either upon your own knowledge or common fame, and as to the list of evidence I hope you will send it up, so soon as it is possible to be got ready. I am

Sir

your most humble and obedient servant

Pa. Steuart.

Edr. 20th October 1716.

Draft Answer in the hand of Sir Archibald.

Sir

In obedience to the commands I received concerning the rebells, you'l please know, that ther is no landed gentleman off this shyre that were in the Rebellion, either skulking at home or gone abroad and fled from justice to my knowledge or by common fame, but one Hugh Rose off Clava who surrendred himself to the Deputy Lievtennents a long time agone, and which surrender was notified to my Lord Townsend Secretary of State,

and of which I sent certificat signed be the D. Lievtennents to the Commissioners of enquiry when wrote to by them on the same head. This being the needfull in answer to what you require off

SIR

your most humble and obedient servant.

Calder, 13 November 1716.



CONCLUSION.

With Sir Hugh ends the series of papers selected to give a consecutive memorial of the Thanes of Cawdor. It has been thought proper to stop at this point for several reasons, but chiefly because from that time there are abundant materials elsewhere, for marking the condition and progress of the district, whose earlier history it has been the object of this Collection to illustrate. A few papers and notes are added below, beyond the limit prescribed, for their local or peculiar interest.

On 11 Nov. 1703, Sir Hugh gave an order to John Barbour, bailie of Inverness, "for a chist of glass to the bearer for he is to make glass windows for this house."

April 1717, Alexander Nicolson rendered an account for—

Two new windows to my ladies room of 38 foot, at 5s. Scots per foot inde	£9, 10s.
Item to the room above my ladies, two windows of 38 foot	£14, 15s.
Nov. 1717 made two windows to the kings room of 30 foot	£7, 10s.
Item a window to my ladies closet of 20 foot and half	£5, 2s.
Item a slit to the other closet of the said room is	8s.
March 1718. Set up two windows in the gallery of 31 foot	£7, 15s.
Item a window to the litle hall of 40 foot	£10.

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Calder, May 12, 1716.

Double plank from Chanonry for the closet platform, and tar barrel.

Item of Noroway dealis for flooring lofting and boxing 490 feet, at 40d. per hunder £190.

Item 40 Noroway double deals bought from David Grant carpenter at Inverness at 8s. per deall is £12, 12s.

Item of lime brought from Darnway three kill fulls.

Item of lime brought from Connage 25 bolls at 12d. per boll £15.

Item of lime brought from Bellnatrait in Ross 20 bolls at 10d. per boll is £10.

Item of scleat brought from Dalltulich 18,000 at 10d. Scots and one half boll meall is £228.

THE ACCOUNTS OF JAMES SMITH SLATER (10 June 1717.)

The roof of the tower being 5½ ells in deepness and 9 ells in length makes 99 ells.

The roof of the gray and redd roumes being in deepness 5 ells and in length 15 ells, and steir case 3½ ells deep and in length 4 ell, payment for all amounting to £58, 8s. 10d.

Year 1718.

Sclateing the garden house being 9 ells long and 4 ells deep £16.

Item for sclateing the high dining roume and drawing roume, being 18 ells long and 6 deep £48.

The said JAMES SMITH, slater, has ACCOUNT for WORK preceding 8 March 1720.

For sclaitting the north side of the house of Calder from the kitchin garrit to the weste end of the work, being 22 yards long and 7 yards one second deep of both sides £75.

ACCOMPT OF WORK WROUGHT BY JOHN BREMBDER CARPENTER OF INVERNESS WITHIN THE HOUSE OF CALDER PER ORDER OF SIR ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL OF CLUNES. 1717-18.

Impr. for boxing the purple room, it being 80 yards of work at 10d. per yard £40.

Item for boxing the closet within the said room being 24 yairds £12.

Item for boxing the large closet without the said room being 34 yairds £17.

Item for dressing and laying 70 deals to the flooring of the purple room £14.

Item for making a bed to the tower chamber £1, 10s.

Item for plaistering the large closet, together with the litle closet within the purple room £12.

21 May 1717. David M^c^ culloch, mason in Darnway is paid £20 "for two hundred piece of hewen stone."

Sloping the chimney and window of the closet without the purple room; in building the south gate, and in building and harling the breach on the east wall of the closs £9.

Alexander Young, oven-maker at Oldern, receives from Sir Archibald 14s. for "700 tylls the soling of the big oven and making of the litle oven of the house of Calder. 16 August 1718."

William Miller, junior, who dates from the "Abbey, 22 January 1722," supplies to Cawdor, 1 oz. sellery, 1 oz. pineaster (April); 1 lb. ackorns, (February); 2 drop Siletia letuce (April); 2 oz. Strasburg onion (middle of March); 1 oz. Skirret (end of March); 2 oz. Dutch parsneep (middle of March); 2 oz. Flanders onion (end of March); 100 Horse chesnuts (February).

There is also a receipt by the said William Miller at the Abbay, for £4 Scots, being full and compleit payment of two peaches and two necterns.

More for four thousand thorns £1, 13s. 4d. Sterling.

An account of Sir Archibald Campbell, gives the following items in March 1722:—

Impr. payed to George Hay for two dozen Russia lether bottomed fine chairs £8, 14s. 3d.
To Thomas Fenton for cucumbers £2, 18s. 1½d.
To William Miller gardiner for trees and seeds £2, 16s. 9d.
To Colin Campbell and Robert Inglis goldsmith in Edr. for silver £61, 3s. 7d.
Payed to Mr. John Steel vintner in Edinburgh £30, 12s. 10d.
To the Lady Wariston for lodgings £48.
To Mrs. Kenedy for tea £2, 15s.
To Mr. Duncan Forbes advocat and his servants of fee. 12 Feb. 1722.
[*Many entries of such payments to Mr. Duncan.*] £2, 9s. 6d.
For dinner in Steels, March 1722. 5s.
To a sadle to carry Mistris Panton north 15s.
To John Stuart merchant in Inverness for ane hogshead of fine claret wine for Calders use £13.
To Robert Sutherland in Nairn for liquors to Calder £32, 7s. 5d.
For the maintenance of the family during Calders stay in the north £122, 7s. 11d.
To Donald M^c^ pherson in Arderseir to be gevin to the people that kept and cared for the whales till they were sold 19s.
To Mrs. Hosack at Inverness for camrick to be rufles 12s.
To George Nicolson in Delness to buy a boat to the fishers there £5, 6s.
To buying moorfowl and tarmachans from Badenoch and Strathspey 6s. 6d.
To John Crom sclaiter for work and going to Daltulich to dress sclate in the quarry £1, 2s. 6d.
For 60 bolls of lime chalk and hair and glue for plaistering the turnpike stair to the wardrop in Feb. and March 1722 £3, 8s.

MR. CAMPBELL OF CADDEL TO W. AIKMAN.

To his own pictur	£5, 5s.
To Sir Donald Campbelis, a copy	£5.

EDINR. 18 April 1722.—Received from Sir Archibald Campbell on behoof of Mr. Campbell of Calder £7, 13s. Sterling in full of the above account by me

W. AIKMAN.

On the back of the preceding account is the following simple recipe, in the artist's writing :—

TO CLEAN YOUR PICTURS.

Take fair water and a brush, and brush them lightly till you find the dirt comes off, then with a clean spunge wype them. Afterward wash them once or twice with clear water, then dry them with a linnen cloath ; when perfectly dry, take the white of an egg, beat it to a froath, then with a clean spunge doe them all over and let them dry where no dust is.

The following notices are from a report or memorial by Sir Archibald Campbell of Clunes, in answer to certain questions put to him, by the commissioners of John Campbell of Calder his nephew. It is dated at Elgin, 30th November 1725.

As to the church of Calder which was built by Sir Hugh Campbell's grandfather Sir John, being the only heretor except Ross of Holme, a small heretor ; the roof thereof is entirely rott and many of the slate fallen off, never being repaired since the erection thereof, except three or four couples

furnisht in Sir Hugh's time, when the pricket or top of the steeple was by storm blown over and broke these couples; needs to be immediatly repaired and will cost double the money if it is delayed ane other year. The sacrament not being administrat for the years 1722-25, Sir Archibald has retained the element money, which being yearly £50 Scots, amounts to £150, and proposes that the said sum be applyed in the first place towards the repair, which he shall finish as effectually and frugally as possible.

The families new buriall place which lyes under that part betwixt the steeple and the body of the church is much abused, and like to goe to ruin altogether, by the insufficient roof of the church; and the old burial place called Barrivan, of the Thanes and all the Campbells of Calder who dyed in the north preceeding Sir Hugh's time, where formerly the old kirk of Calder was, likewise needs to be repaired, which Sir Archibald conceives may be done for £10 Sterline, which he expects the commissioners will comply with, for the honour and memory of the family.

The bridge of Calder, being of timber, is so defective that it is almost impassable and needs to be repaired, for which he expects the commissioners instructions, seeing the charge will be inconsiderable, about 40 or 50 shillings.

The mansion house of Calder is in very good repair except the platform of the roof above Calders library and haill writes, which being laid with timber, requires a continual annual expence of reparation; for preventing wherof for the future, Sir Archibald proposes the same may be leaded next spring at a very small charge, as will appear by the dimensions of the roof herewith sent.

The garden dykes are in good enough case, but the dykes of the Deer-park and the other parts above it to the southward will very soon be intirely in disrepair unless prevented next spring, for which Sir Archibald intreats their immediat instructions, and he shall transmitt as near ane estimate thereof as possibly he can.

The east gavil of the changehouse of Calder possest by Hugh Robertson is likewise so very defective, that unless it be repaired next spring it will become waste and sink Calder's rent; Sir Archibald therefore wants the commissioners instructions thereanent.

There are 18 or 19 red deer in the Park closs to the gardens of Calder, whereof 6 or 7 bucks, and 4 fawns.

There is a handsome young plantation of all sorts done by Sir Archibald without the least farthing of expence or charge to Calder; and is further to carry on the same, particularly [near] the town of Campbelltown to the west of the mansion house and to the southward of the church, where is very litle corn ground, and the rest consists all of rough coarse ground full of whins and broom, and as many stone as will enclose the ground, haveing a considerable nursery ready to transplant. And he has already taken in and levelled a considerable peice of ground, a part wherof was deep moreass and the rest a hill, of which he has made a handsome garden, where all sorts of fruit grow that are in Scotland, surrounded with a lyme stone dyke ten foot high, levell on the top, being 308 foot square within the walls, and several quick sett hedges already advanced to three foot high in the said garden; and has likewise enclosed a large peice of ground to the east of the Deer park and barns, near 20 acres of ground, all sett round with trees; and has sett up a handsome large clock in the steeple of the church of Calder; all which particulars he has done upon his own proper expence, without burdening Calder with any part thereof.

The old wood of Calder, surrounded with a mason dyke six quarters height being three miles in circumference, is very thick, consists mostly of a great many young birch, some arns, some young oaks and about 300 old oaks, whereof 200 may be immediatly sold, as the commissioners shall direct, and 100 may be kept for the use of the family.

The park dykes of the wood are defective in several places, and if not speedily repaired will cost double the money afterwards, besides the loss of the wood, of which there is particular care taken by the forrester. The present forrester being very old, Sir Archibald conceives that a clever honest young fellow may be more beneficial to Calder's interest, at the same allowance of twelve bolls, and in regard the present forrester being ane old servant and in indigent circumstances, leaves it to the commissioners to consider if they think it proper to bestow some small allowance or charity of 3 or 4 bolls upon him yearly dureing pleasure.

There are some other small young woods all consisting of arns, above

10,000 in number, some 10, some 15, and others 20 foot height, at old Calder, Polynach, Bracklach and Standalean, on levell ground, not above a miles distance to the east of the house of Calder, but have no dykes about them, except what is in the heart of the inclosure of Old Calder, whereof a part is surrounded with stone, and the rest with earth.

The tennents upon the estate being numerous and generally poor, refuse to take leases at the present rent; and their houses are all of faile. He can think of no other way for bettering or improveing the estate than if the commissioners incline to give him a 19 years lease therof, he will transmitt his proposalls; whereby he will be enabled to find more substantiall tennents, fewer in number, and instead of heightening their rents or taking entries, he will take them bound to build their houses in stone, enlarge their gardens, and plant about their several possessions.

Given under my hand at Elgin 30 Novr. 1725.

ARCH. CAMPBELL.

FROM JOHN CAMPBELL OF CAWDOR TO SIR ARCHIBALD.

SIR

I was this morning married to Mrs. Pryse, a young lady of North Wales, who possesses in the highest degree every virtue and agreable accomplishment that can make a person beloved and respected. Her fortune is a small estate in land among the Welch highlands.

You will not expect me to add more at present but that I am, Sir,

your affectionate nephew and very humble servant

J. CAMPBELL.

London, April 30th, 1726.

[Sale of Oak wood, 1732.]

At Edinburgh and Blackhills 22 March and 5 May 1732, it is agreed betwixt Mr. John Hay, Writer to the Signet as having power from John Campbell of Calder Esquire on the one part, and John Herries merchant in Garmouth on the other part in manner after written. The said Mr. John Hay sells to the said John Herries all and haill the number of nine hundred and twenty oak trees in the wood of Calder, computing at the rate of six score to a hundred, which trees are presently to be marked at the sight of the said John Herries, and a proper person to be appointed by the said Mr. John Hay, with free ish and entry to the said wood, and with full power to the said John Herries within the space of five years from and after Whitsunday 1732, to cut down and carry away the said wood at his pleasure, to work the trees cut within the bounds of the said wood, and for that end to make huts in such convenient places, as the young growing wood may [not] be thereby prejudiced. For the which causes the said John Herries as principal and John Gordon of Braes as cautioner for him bind them to make payment to the said John Campbell of Calder, of the sum of £300 sterling. Moreover the said John Herries binds him not to cut down any trees or branches besides those hereby sold, for rungs or other purposes, and also to the utmost of his power to preserve the young wood from being damaged, and to keep the high roads in conveying of the trees. It is also agreed that publick intimation shall be made by the said John Herries at the kirkdoor of Calder of the particular days or times they intend to cut, to the end the said Mr. John Hay, or the overseers appointed by the said John Campbell may be present thereat, &c.

FROM LORD LOVAT TO DUNCAN CAMPBELL OF CLUNES.

MY DEAR COUSIN

I received the honour of your letter severall weeks ago, and I would have answered it as soon as I received it, but that I waited the answer of an express that I sent to the Laird of Glengarry about your affair, a copy of which answer I send you verbatim enclosed. I did expect the Laird of Glengerry and his Lady here every day this month past, and I am told that the only thing has kept them is a vast salmond fishing that they have got this year near Invergerrie, which necessarily obliges them to stay at home. You will see by Glengerrys letter that he expects a handsome composition from you; for my part I never did resolve to make a farthing by the bargain, and if I medle in it at all, you may assure yourself it is only to serve you, and Miss Campbell your daughter whose education should be now taken care of, and if she be like her mother or your mother, she will be an honor to the family of Calder and to the name of Campbell. Now my dear Duncan, lay your hand upon your heart, and let me know what composition you resolve to give to the Laird of Glengerry and I will acquaint him of it, and if he agrees to the bargain, it will be very soon concluded, for I believe you are convinced that I alwayes was and am ready to serve you in any thing in my power.

If I did appear, my dear Duncan, any wayes cool to you, which I cannot remember, I am sure I was not so in my heart, and I am glad that you own yourself that it was a quarrell of kindness, and indeed I think, after your father and your brothers, I have as great a title to your friendship as any man in the north of Scotland. We are relations and comerads, and much of the same way of thinking on many subjects. But apropos, my dear Duncan, what do you think of English peers ordering the Judges of our Supreme and Sovereign Court to appear before an English barr for their judgement in their own Court according to the Scotch laws, and the taking away in an arbitrary manner the essential priviledges of our Metro-

polis, and by taking away its guard and breaking down its gates, makes it a poor country village, which till now was one of the most ancient and illustrious cities in Europe? If this does not make your English Chief a Scots man, I wish he may become a Hotentot. This is a greater outrage done to our country than any of our historys can make mention of, for King Edward the first who had almost extinguished us by his falsehood and cruelty never pushed an indignity to this degree of contempt as to call up our Judges to appear at an English barr. What the consequences of it will be, he is wiser than I that can tell. I remember a time that you would be glad that such a signal affront would be done our country, but my dear Duncan, those times are gone, and we are now become a parcell of abject slaves, ready to hold down our necks till the iron yokes be layed about them. I think I feel some drops of the brave Sir Simon Frasers blood moving in my heart and veins, and if I had his strength, I think I would yet give a *came skea*, and I am very sure Duncan Campbell would back me.

I offer you and my dear Miss Campbell your daughter my most sincere and affectionate respects, and my Lady Lovats and all my young ones. I bless God they are well, but I have been much fatigued by the ague this month past, but I take physick and bitters which I hope will put it away. I offer my affectionate humble service to my worthie dear friend your brother Hugh, and to all the branches of the hathorn tree that are in and about Calder, and I ever am with a particular esteem and a most sincere respect

My dear Duncan

Your most affectionat cousin and most faithful slave

LOVAT.

Beaufort, 16th Aprile 1737.

In the year 1742, Charles Balfour, gardener in Calder, has an account against Alexander Campbell of Delnies, factor for John Campbell of Calder, which gives the following items :—

To planting 60 trees at Balliknockan in the year 1741 at 8d. per score 2s.

To planting 100 trees at the gardeners croft in the same year at 8d. per score 3s. 4d.

To planting 430 trees on the banks of the brook in the wood, in the year 1742 at 8d. per score 14s. 4d.

To planting 220 beach trees in the same year at 10d. per score 9s. 2d.

To delving the new garden in the same year 1742 5s.



APPENDIX.

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[INDENTURE BETWEEN THE THANE OF CAWDOR AND THE BARON OF KILRAVOCK, 18 SEPT. 1480.]

This endentur maide at Caldor the xviij day of September the yer off Gode a thousande four hundreth ande auchte yeris proportis ande beris vitnes in it self that it is appoyntit and fullely acordit betuix honorabill men Wyllyam thayne off Caldor and Wyllyam of Caldor his son and apperande ayr thar kyne men ande party on the ta part, and Huchone the Ross barone off Kylrawok ande Huchone the Ross his son ande aperande ayr thar kyn men and party on the tother part in forme maner and effect as eftyr folouis, that is to say, that bath the saidis parteis has chosyn sertane personis to decyde and declar all debattis discorde and brekis maide be ony of the saidis parteis, ilkane till amende till uther, and specialy anent the debatabill landis and landemeris betuix Caldor and Kylrawok or in ony uther placis that ony of the saidis parteis is playntvyss on uther to be red declarit ande endit for euer be advyss and sycht off the personis undyr vrityne, that is to say Master Thomas Grant officiall of Murreff, Jamez Stewart constabill of Spyne, Wylyame Doles of Cantra, and Johne of Caldor, chosyn for the said Wylyame thayne of Caldor and for his son kyn men and party; ande Master Alexander off Sutherland vycar of Inuernes, Alexander Ross bruther germane to the said barone, Ferchare Lame, and Alexander Chessame chosyne for the saide Huchone the Ross barone off Kyllrawok ande for Huchone the Ross his son and

apperande ayr kyn men and party, the quhilkis personis to be suorne lelely and trewly till decyde declare and to mak a finell ende for euer of all debatabill landis and landemeris betuix Caldor ande Kylrawok ande in all vther placis, and off all uther brekis, and the saide personis to met in Mekyl-bowdwyt the last day of September and till ryde to the saide landemeris and syne to sitt ande avysitly to ende all the forsaidis debattis and brekis eftyr as the saidis parteis schawis ilkane for tham self, and gyf ony off the saidis personis chosyne be the saidis parteis absentis tham ande comperis nocht other be deide seknes or be ony uther vay as Gode forbeide it sa be, the saidis parteis sal chos siclyk personis off thar kyn ande tender frendis as plessis tham, and gyff the saidis personis can nocht acorde tha sall cheys ane ourman be avyss and sycht off tham selff with ane assent as tha thynk mast expedient ande as the forsaidis personis declaris endis and decretis, the forsaidis parteis furthwith incontinent sall for tham and thar ayris mak ane endentur party undyr thar seil in als strat ande sickyr furm as it can be deuisit to halde ferme ande stabill fulfyll and keip it for euer. Ande quhen the forsaidis landemeris debaitis and brekis beis decretit and amendit ande bundyn undyr thar seill, that beande done on the morne eftyr, the forsaidis personis sall dewys tret ande draw all bandis off fauour kyndenes tendernes and frendeschip to be hade maide ande kepit for tham and thare ayris, sua that bath the forsaidis parteis be afauldly ane for euer. And to the keping and fulfilling off all ther poyntis abuff vrityne, bath the saidis parteis has suorne the gret ayth the haly euangell tuychit, all fraude gyle cavillacione and frewell excepcionis beyng excludit and byput, and the forsaide Vylyame thayne off Caldor for him his son kyn men and party ande the forsaide Huchone the Ross barone off Kylrawok for him his son kyn men and party has interchangeably hungyn to thar seillis at day yer and place abuff vrytyn.

[Decree of the Arbiters 4 Nov. 1480.]

Till all ande syndry quhais knalage thir present letteres sall tocum, Wilyame be the grace of Gode Bischope of Murreff greting in Gode ay lestande. For quhy that it is meritabile ande neidfule to ber witnes to the suthfastnes and especialy in the caus quharthrow preiudice may be generit to innocentis, tharfor it is that we mak it kende ande suthfast witnes beris that the day of the date of thir our present letteres comperit befor us of thar awin motyw gude will and full deliuerance, honorabill men Wilyame thayne of Caldor ande Wilyame of Caldor his sone ande apperand air on the ta part, and Huchon the Ros baron of Kylrawok and Huchone the Ros his sone ande apperande ayr on the tothir part, anent the declaracione of ane certane pece of lande lyande betuix Caldor ande Kilrawok ande debatabill betuix thame, anent the quhilk the saide Wilyame ande Huchone with ane awys and consent of thar saide sonnys apperande ayris to thame ande ilkane of thame with ane assent of thar awine motywe and free will desirit consentit ande requirit that we and thir personis underwritten, that is to say Mastir Alexander Suthirlande wicar of Inuernis, Mastir Thomas Graunt that tyme officiale of Murref ande parsone of Contane, Allane Makyntosh, Jamys Stewart constabille of Spyny, Alexander Roos brodir germane to the saide baron, Wilyame Doles of Cantray, Johne of Caldor ande Alexander Cheshelme, sulde knaw decide declar ande ende upone the saide pece of lande quhethir the possessione ande propirte of it wes auch to the saide Wilyame or Huchone. In the quhilk mater we the saide Wilyame bischope of Murref ande the personis forwritin of the full ande haill desir consent and assent of the saidis Willyame ande Huchon present, ande our decreit with awys and consent of thar saidis apperand airis requirande, we ryply awisit fande fyndis ande declaris that the saide pece of land with the pertinentis debatabill betuix the saide Wilyame ande Huchone wes twys rydyne of befor tyme with consent of parteis; the first time it wes fundin decidit ande declarit be umquhill of nobill mynd Alexander Erle of Mar ande mony utheris worthiest and eldest of the contree, that the saide pece of lande with the pertinentis pertening heretably pertenit ande

sulde pertene to Donalde umquhill thane of Caldor ande till his airis. The secunde tyme a proces of yeris thareftir it was rydin with consent of parteis fundin decydit ande declaryt be umquhill of nobile mynde Archibalde of Douglas Erle of Murray and mony uther worthiest and eldest of the contree, that the saide pece of land with the pertinentis pertenit heretabilly ande sulde pertene to Wilyame umquhill thayn of Caldor ande till his airis umquhill sone to the saide Donalde thane of Caldor. Lyk as we fande now the third tyme with consent of parteis, ande findis that the said pece of land with the pertinentis pertenis heretabilly ande sulde perten to Wylyame thane of Caldor now for the tyme ande till his airis sone to the saide Wilyam umquhill thane of Caldor, and that the heretabile possessione and propirtye of it wes and is aucht to thaim and thar airis, the quhilk we finde decidis declaris and decretis for euer, and the forsaide Wilyame thane of Caldor ande Wilyam of Caldor his sone and apperande air for thaim and thar airis, and the forsaide Huchon the Roos Baron of Kilrawok and Huchone the Roos his sone ande apperande air, for thaim and thar airis has sworn the gret bodely aith the haly evangelist twychit till halde ferme and stabill fulfill and keip our forsaide decisione declaracione ande decret for euer, all fraude gyille cauillacione ande frewall excepcionis being excludit ande byput. In witnes of the quhilk thing we Willyame be the grace of Gode bischope of Murref has hungin to our seille togidder with the seillis of the forsaidis Master Alexander Suthirland vicar of Inuernis, Master Thomas Graunt officiall of Murref and parsone of Contane, James Stewart constabille of Spyny, Wilyame Doles of Cantray ande Johne of Caldor at Caldor the ferde day of Nouember the yer of Gode ane thousande four hundret and auchty yeris. Befor thir witnes that is to say Walter Innes Thomas Ogilvy Robert Innes Dauid Fersith Andro Kympty Alexander Tulloch Schir Johne Reide vicar of Awauch Schir Andro Clat ande Thomas Hay with diuers utheris.

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